

The Board of Trustees Splendor Independent School District Notice of Special Meeting



A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Splendor Independent School District will be held August 10, 2026 beginning at 5:00 PM in the Administration Building Boardroom, 23419 FM 2090, Splendor, Texas 77372.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Audience**
- III. **Invocation, Pledge & Good Things**
 - A. Invocation
 - B. U.S. & State of Texas Pledge of Allegiance
 - C. Good Things
- IV. **Administrative Presentation**
 - A. Student Code of Conduct and Handbook Presentation - Aubri Deheck
- V. **Consent Items**
 - A. Approve the 2026-2027 T-TESS General Guidelines and Appraisal Calendar.
 - B. Approve the purchase of the iCEV Multimedia Curriculum for Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Career courses, including the iCEV CCMR Data Management System, from iCEV in the amount of \$65,760.00.
 - C. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Montgomery County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) for the 2026-2027 School Year.
 - D. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from Region VI for Math Academies.
 - E. Approve Optional Flexible School Day Program for REACH.
 - F. Adopt Resolution (2026-01) to Declare Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization.
- VI. **Action and/or Discussion Items**
 - A. Consider the Approval to Contract 2 School Psychologists and a Deaf Interpreter for the 2026–2027 school year.
 - B. Consider the Approval of the Student Code of Conduct for the 2026–2027 School Year.
 - C. Consider the Approval of the Student Handbook for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- VII. **Adjourn**

Closed meeting will be held for the purposes authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.071 et seq. concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including but not limited to the sections and purposes listed in item III. Closed Session.

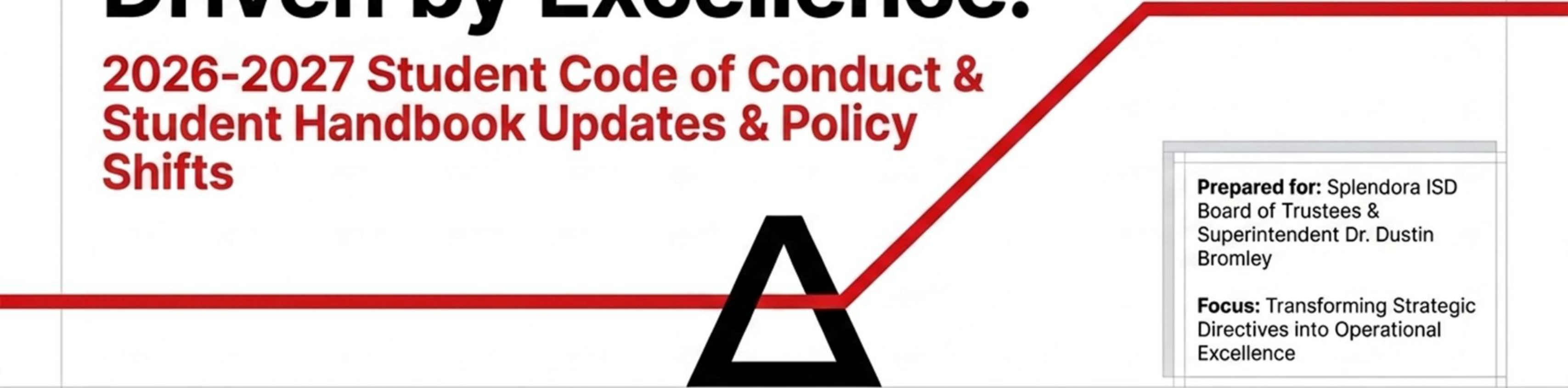
If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on August 03, 2026, at 4:00 pm.

Dustin Bromley, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools

Connected by Purpose. Driven by Excellence.

2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct & Student Handbook Updates & Policy Shifts



Prepared for: Splendor ISD
Board of Trustees &
Superintendent Dr. Dustin
Bromley

Focus: Transforming Strategic
Directives into Operational
Excellence

Anchoring Policy in Our New Foundational Vision



Integrating the 89th Legislature Updates

Legislative Action

89th Legislature amends/adds laws relating to school discipline.

State Reporting

TEA prepares a comprehensive report identifying all legal amendments.

District Mandate

Prior to Day 1 of the 26-27 school year, Splendora ISD must provide this TEA-prepared report to every student and parent/guardian.



Compliance Checkpoint: The district will seamlessly integrate this TEA report into the standard beginning-of-year parent communication rollout to ensure total compliance before the first bell rings.

The 2026-2027 Policy Synthesis Matrix

Policy Domain	2025-2026 Status	2026-2027 Status (Δ)	Strategic Rationale
Foundation	Right People, Right Things, Right Way, Right Resources, Right Relationships	"Connected by Purpose. Driven by Excellence."	Aligns policy to new Board vision
Facilities	Undefined multiple-occupancy spaces	Single-sex designation for Private Spaces	Ensures absolute state legal compliance
Academics (Math)	Top 60% STAAR automatic enroll	Top 40% STAAR automatic enroll	Increases academic rigor and readiness
Academics (OnRamps)	N/A	UT-Austin grading guidelines adopted	Standardizes dual enrollment expectations
Wellness	Rainbow Days Curriculum	Cenikor Prevention Curriculum MOU	Modernizes behavioral health partnerships
Dress Code	Ambiguous facial piercing/mask rules	Mandates prior Principal approval	Empowers campus leadership discretion
Student Life	Unformalized senior discipline	DAEP/Misconduct revokes Prom & Graduation	Protects integrity of milestone events
Operations	Warning required for spectator ejection	Immediate ejection by officials permitted	Protects officials and event safety

△ Critical Policy Addition: Designation of Private Spaces

Definition:

A facility designed/designated for simultaneous use by more than one individual in which a person may be in a state of undress (includes restrooms, locker rooms, changing rooms, shower rooms).

The 2026-2027 Policy Shift: In strict accordance with law, Splendora ISD shall designate each multiple-occupancy private space in a building the district owns, operates, or controls for use **only by individuals of one sex.**

Strategic Rationale:

Ensures absolute legal compliance while prioritizing safety, privacy, and dignity for all staff, officials, and students across district facilities.

Multiple-Occupancy Private Spaces



Academic Shifts: Redefining the Thresholds of Excellence

Middle School Math Rigor

2025-2026: Top 60% of Grade 5 STAAR scores trigger automatic enrollment in Grade 6 Advanced Math.

2026-2027 (Δ): Top 40% of Grade 5 STAAR scores trigger automatic enrollment.

Impact: Ensures students are truly prepared for the rigorous progression to 8th Grade Algebra I.

High School Dual Enrollment



New Policy (Δ)

Formal introduction of OnRamps dual enrollment grading guidelines, explicitly governed and set by the University of Texas-Austin.

Note: These are now separated from the existing Lone Star College-Kingwood dual credit guidelines to ensure accurate academic rigor.

Student Wellness: Proactive Prevention & Curriculum Updates



The Shift & Update

The Shift: Transitioning away from the previous Rainbow Days/Tri-County Behavioral Health Care model.

The Update: Executing a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate the Cenikor Prevention Curriculum, elevating our district's modernized approach to behavioral health and substance prevention.

Protecting Instructional Focus: The New PCD Philosophy

To promote student engagement, safety, and a distraction-free learning environment.



Absolute Storage

Devices cannot be carried on a student's person (pockets/clothing) at any time during school hours. They must remain in backpacks.



Campus-Wide Scope

The School Day ban applies universally from entering the building to the dismissal bell, explicitly including hallways, passing periods, restrooms, cafeterias, and locker rooms.



Tailored Accountability

Recognizing developmental differences, the district has engineered specific, tiered consequence pathways for PK-5 versus 6-12.

PCD Comparison Matrix: PK-5 vs. 6-12

	PK-5	6-12
Storage & Usage	Devices turned off/silent prior to arrival. Stored in backpack all day (including lunch/recess). Not permitted to carry on person.	Devices turned off/silent prior to arrival. Stored in backpack/bag all day. Usage explicitly banned during class, passing, lunch, and restrooms.
1st Offense	Confiscated. Returned to student at end of day + Parent contact.	Confiscated + Disciplinary referral + Parent contact. Student retrieves at end of day.
2nd Offense	Confiscated + Disciplinary referral + Lunch detention. Returned only to parent.	Confiscated + Parent must retrieve. Admin discretion applied.
3rd+ Offense	Confiscated + Disciplinary referral + 1 Day ISS. Returned only to parent.	Confiscated + Disciplinary referral + Progressive discipline (Detention/ISS/Loss of privilege) + Parent contact.

**Refusal to surrender device results in immediate referral, parent contact, and Saturday School or ISS for insubordination based on the Student Code of Conduct **

Campus Culture: Empowering Principal Discretion

Standard District Policy

Principal Discretion



Facial Piercings

Update: Specific language added noting that facial piercings (including nose, eyebrow, lip, tongue) are strictly subject to principal discretion and prior approval.

Face Masks

Update: Moving from 'optional' to a formalized requirement that face masks mandate prior approval by the campus principal before being worn in district facilities.

Strategic Rationale: Equips campus leaders with the localized authority to maintain environments perfectly tailored to learning and safety, free from disruptions.

Campus Culture: Accountability and the Revocation of Privilege



Key Policy Additions:

- The 26-27 handbook introduces formalized language explicitly protecting the integrity of milestone events.
- Revoked privileges include, but are not limited to, Prom and Graduation activities.

Strategic Rationale:

Reinforces the Core Belief that 'students deserve high-quality experiences' by ensuring those experiences are strictly reserved for students who uphold the district's code of conduct.

Operations & Safety: Protecting the Environment, On and Off Campus

Extracurricular/Athletic Events



The Update (Δ): Immediate Spectator Ejection.

Policy Detail: A verbal warning and persistent inappropriate behavior are *no longer required* for a referee, judge, or UIL official to immediately eject a spectator from an athletic activity or competition.

Transportation Safety



The Update (Δ): Updated Behavioral Expectations.

Policy Detail: Strict enforcement of the three-point seatbelt requirement (where equipped). Furthermore, electronic device usage now explicitly requires headphones to ensure audio playback does not distract the driver or interfere with the safe operation of the bus.

Board Action & Implementation Next Steps



Step 1: Board Adoption

Review, discussion, and formal Board approval of the 2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct.



Step 2: Campus Leadership Training

Equip Campus Behavior Coordinators (CBCs) and Principals with training on the new PCD tiered consequences, DAEP grade shifts, and Principal Discretion bounds for dress code.

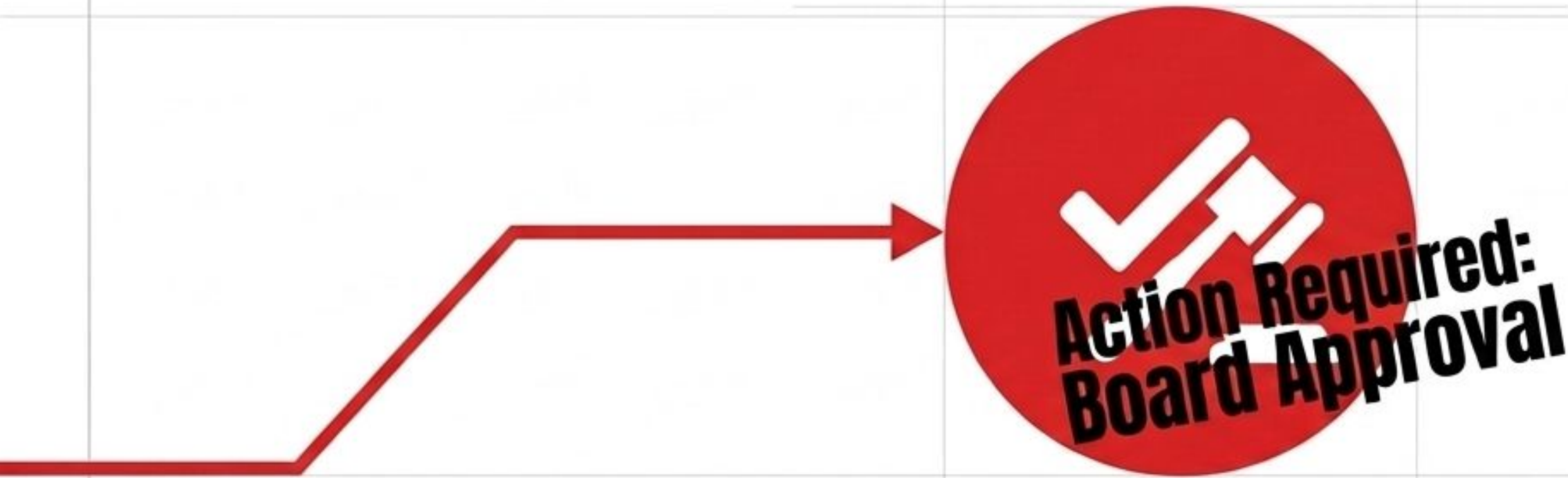


Step 3: Parent & Student Rollout

Execute the comprehensive beginning-of-year communication plan, notably fulfilling the 89th Legislature Legislature mandate by distributing the TEA discipline report prior to Day 1.

Establishing the Splendora Standard for a safe, engaged, and modern learning environment.

Forging the Pathway Forward



These 2026-2027 handbook revisions are not merely administrative updates; they are the operational blueprint of our new Core Beliefs.

By approving these shifts, Splendora ISD ensures our daily practices are relentlessly *Driven by Excellence*.

Next Steps: Board Vote & Adoption of the 26-27 Splendora ISD Student Code of Conduct and Handbook



Splendoria ISD Board of Trustees Agenda Item Information Form

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 10, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Approve the 2026-2027 T-TESS General Guidelines and Appraisal Calendar

THIS ITEM RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN PILLAR(S):

5- Professional Learning and Quality Staff

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Texas Administrative Code (TAC) outlines specific timeframes for T-TESS processes. This document ensures that all appraisers are aligned and working within prescribed timelines.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Guidelines follow all mandated TAC's.

ATTACHMENTS: 2026-2027 T-TESS General Guidelines and Appraisal Calendar

BUDGET INFORMATION: N/A

RESOURCE PERSONNEL: Dr. William Rhodes, Executive Director of Human Resources

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move to approve the 2026-2027 T-TESS General Guidelines and Appraisal Calendar

Splendora Independent School District
Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS)
GENERAL GUIDELINES AND APPRAISAL CALENDAR
2026-2027

1. Each school district shall establish a calendar for the appraisal of teachers. TAC 150.1003(d)

2. The appraisal period must include all the days of a teacher's contract. TAC 150.1003(d)

Appraisal Period
August 4 – May 28

3. An orientation to the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) must be provided no later than the final day of the first three weeks of school and at least two weeks before the first observation. TAC 150.1006(a) (b). In SISD, the T-TESS orientation will be completed before August 28, 2026.

4. Observations during the appraisal period must be conducted during the required days of instruction for students during one school year. The appraisal period shall exclude the first two weeks of instruction. TAC 150.1003(d)(1)

The first two weeks of instruction are excluded from documented T-TESS Walkthroughs.
August 12 – August 28

T-TESS Window Begins
September 14, 2026

5. An observation post-conference shall be conducted within 10 working days after the completion of an observation. TAC 150.1003 (b)(5)(A)

6. Goal-Setting and the Professional Development Plan shall be submitted to the teacher's appraiser within the first six weeks after the T-TESS orientation TAC 150.1003(b) (1) (A). For a teacher in their first year of appraisal under the T-TESS or for teachers new to the district, a Goal-Setting and Professional Development Plan conference must take place before the teacher submits the plan to their appraiser. TAC 150.1003(b) (2)

The Goal-Setting and Professional Development Plan shall be maintained throughout the school year and shared with the teacher's appraiser before the end-of-year conference. TAC 150.1003(b) (C, D)

Goal-Setting and Professional Development Plan
August 31 – October 9

7. End-of-year conferences shall be completed no later than 15 working days before the last day of instruction for students. TAC 150.1003(d)(2) also (i).

In cases where the certified appraiser is not an administrator on the teacher's campus, as defined in §150.1005(b) (Appraiser Qualifications), either the principal, assistant principal, or another supervisory staff member designated as an administrator on the campus must participate in the end-of-year conference.

End-of-Year Conferences
In SISD, the goal is for all End-of-Year Conferences to be completed by March 12.

8. Written summative annual appraisal report shall be shared with the teacher within 10 working days following the end-of-year conference. TAC 150.1003 (h) (i)

Written Summative Annual Appraisal Reports
In SISD, it is recommended that all administrators complete written summatives by March 31.

A teacher may request a second appraisal by another certified appraiser at the following times: TAC 150.1004(c) (1) for Domains I, II, and III after receiving a written observation summary with which the teacher disagrees; or (2) for Domain IV after receiving a written summative annual appraisal report with which the teacher disagrees.

The second appraisal must be requested within 10 working days of receiving a written observation summary or a written summative annual appraisal report. TAC 150.1004 (d)

The second appraiser shall make observations and walk-throughs as necessary to evaluate the dimensions in Domains I-III or shall review the Goal-Setting and Professional Development Plan for evidence of goal attainment and professional development activities, when applicable. Cumulative data may also be used by the second appraiser to evaluate other dimensions. TAC 150.1004 (f)

9. The written summative annual appraisal report shall be placed in the teacher's personnel file (Eduphoria Strive) by the end of the appraisal period. TAC 150.1003(h).

In Splendora ISD, all appraisal documents will be signed by the teacher and then the appraiser.

NOTE: A teacher new to the district or when the teacher has never been appraised under T-TESS shall be provided with an orientation of T-TESS no later than the final day of the first three weeks of school and at least two weeks before the teacher's first observation. TAC 150.1006(a) (1) (2). This would include teachers employed at any time during the year. Teachers employed after the first three weeks of school will receive training within the first three weeks of their start date with Splendora ISD and at least two weeks prior to their first observation. Additional orientations shall be provided anytime substantial changes occur in the T-TESS. TAC 150.1006(a)(3) (b)

Revised 7/24/26

Splendora ISD Board of Trustees approved



Splendora ISD Board of Trustees Agenda Item Information Form

BOARD MEETING DATE: Special Meeting, August 10, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Approve the purchase of the iCEV Multimedia Curriculum for Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Career courses, including the iCEV CCMR Data Management System, from iCEV in the amount of \$65,760.00.

THIS ITEM RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN PILLAR(S): Fiscal & Operational Systems

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: SISD is purchasing the Enterprise package for all CTE/Career courses, as well as the pre- and post-tests package for CTE Teacher Incentive Allotment.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Approve the purchase of the iCEV Multimedia Curriculum for Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Career courses, including the iCEV CCMR Data Management System, from iCEV in the amount of \$65,760.00.

ATTACHMENTS: [iCEV Quotes](#)

BUDGET INFORMATION: Consent Agenda

Eduthings CCMR Data Management System- \$10,500.00 CTE Perkins Grant

iCEV Curriculum- \$55,260.00

- \$25,000.00 CTE Perkins Grant
- \$5400.00 Title 4 Funds
- \$8400.00 Teaching and Learning Budget
- \$16,460 IMA Funds
 - Total: \$65,760.00

RESOURCE PERSONNEL: Dr. Kristy Dietrich & Adam Lira

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move to approve the purchase of the iCEV Multimedia Curriculum for Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Career courses, including the iCEV CCMR Data Management System, from iCEV for \$65,760.00.



Quote: Q-81711
Today's Date: 2/4/2026
Start Date: 7/1/2026
End Date: 6/30/2027

CEV Multimedia, LLC
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Lubbock, TX 79404
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Fax 800/243-6398
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Splendora, Texas 77372

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Purchase Order No.	Customer ID	Salesperson ID	Territory ID	Payment Terms
Pending	SPLE0002	TX06	iCEV-CTE	Net 30

Qty	Item #	Description	Term	Ext. Price
1	ENT-TX-01100	TX - Enterprise Package.	12	\$0.00
	ENT-STUDENT-LIC	TX - Enterprise Student Licenses	12	\$69,300.00
60	701-000	TX - Pre/Post Tests (25 students bundle)		\$7,500.00
SUBTOTAL:				\$76,800.00
DISCOUNT:				\$21,540.00
TOTAL:				\$55,260.00

iCEVonline.com CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

No charge for cancellation within 30 days of receipt of purchase order.

No cancellation or refund after 30 days of receipt of purchase order.

Quote valid for 90 days



Quote: Q-81708
Today's Date: 2/4/2026
Start Date: 7/1/2026
End Date: 6/30/2027

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Qty	Item #	Description	Term	Ext. Price
1	EduData-TX-Tier 1	TX - Eduthings: CTE Data - Tier 1	12	\$4,000.00
1	EduCCMR-TX-Tier 1	TX - Eduthings: College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) Calculations - Tier 1	12	\$1,500.00
1	EduCNSL-TX-Tier 1	TX - Eduthings: Counseling Tools - Tier 1	12	\$3,500.00
1	EduCIS-TX-Tier 1	TX - Eduthings: Career Interest Survey - Tier 1	12	\$1,500.00
TOTAL:				\$10,500.00

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Splendora ISD Board of Trustees Agenda Item Information Form

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 10, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Montgomery County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) for the 2026-2027 School Year.

THIS ITEM RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN PILLAR(S): N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends that the Board approve the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program MOU.

ATTACHMENTS: 2026-2027 Memorandum of Understanding

 JJAEP MOU.pdf

BUDGET INFORMATION: The District is not required to provide funding for a student who is assigned by a court to a JJAEP, but who was not expelled from the enrolled district.

Splendora ISD is required to reimburse Conroe ISD for the actual cost incurred each day a student is enrolled in the program at the following rates:

- \$85 per day for Category B offenses
- \$100 per day for Category C offenses

Any costs associated with placement by the District would be funded by the General Fund.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL: Superintendent- Dr. Dustin Bromley, Carrie Reed- Deputy Superintendent of Administration, and Aubri Deheck- Director of Student Services

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move to approve the 2026-2027 Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program MOU.

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July 14, 2026

Dr. Dustin Bromley, Superintendent
Splendora Independent School District
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RE: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Dear Dr. Bromley,

Attached please find two (2) originals of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Splendora Independent School District and the Montgomery County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP). The 2026-2027 MOU is the same as the previous year but has been updated with the current contract dates.

Upon receiving approval from your Board of Trustees, please have a member sign the documents, keep an original for your files, and return the second original to: MCJPD, Attention Kara Evans, 200 Academy Drive, Conroe, Texas 77301. We will only need pages 1-7 returned.

Please be aware that legislative updates might affect the labeling of some offenses which could result in a change to this MOU. If this occurs, your district will be notified immediately and this MOU and/or attachments will be updated and amended as necessary.

I appreciate your consideration and attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the JJAEP Coordinator, Assistant Deputy Director Joanna Saucedo at 936-538-3620 or via e-mail at Joanna.Sauceda@mctx.org.

Sincerely,

Kara Evans
Administrative Manager

**2026-2027 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
JUVENILE JUSTICE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM**

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY §

THIS Agreement is entered into by, between, and among the **MONTGOMERY COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD**, hereinafter referred to as "**BOARD**" and the **SPLENDORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**, hereinafter referred to as the "**DISTRICT**".

WHEREAS, the **BOARD** and the **DISTRICT** are "local governments" and public education in the context contemplated herein is a "governmental function and service" as those terms are defined in the Interlocal Cooperation Act, hereinafter referred to as the "ACT" codified as Chapter 791 of the Government Code of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the ACT authorizes any local government to contract or agree with another local government in accordance with the ACT to perform governmental functions and services that each party to the contract is authorized to perform individually; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of this memorandum of understanding is to set forth the duties and responsibilities of the **BOARD** and the **DISTRICT** regarding the operation of the Montgomery County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program hereinafter referred to as the "**JJAEP**" and to comply with the requirements of Texas Education Code §37.011 (k), (l), and (m).

WHEREAS, the parties concur that the educational component of the **JJAEP** can be administered most efficiently by the Conroe Independent School District because the **JJAEP** is located within the geographic boundaries and educational jurisdiction of the Conroe Independent School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act and the Texas Education Code, it is mutually agreed by, between, and among the parties as follows:

**1.
Student Eligibility**

1.1 Attendance at the **JJAEP** for the category of students described in paragraph A of this section is mandatory. For paragraphs B, C and D of this section, the **DISTRICT** may elect whether or not to enroll these students in the **JJAEP**. If the **DISTRICT** elects not to offer the **JJAEP** as a post-expulsion placement option for these students, the **JJAEP** is not responsible for the education of these students.

A. Students shall be placed in the **JJAEP** in those cases where they have been officially charged by the submission of an offense report, arrested and referred to the Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department for committing one of the offenses enumerated under Texas Education Code §37.007 (a), (d) or (e). These offenses shall be referred to as "Category A" offenses. See appendix "B" or "C" for list of offenses. Said placement shall apply to students who have not had a finding entered by the Court regarding delinquency for committing a Category A offense.

B. If a student is expelled from the **DISTRICT** for committing a Category A offense but: (1) is not arrested or referred to the Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department for an offense listed in Texas Education Code §37.007 (a), (d) or (e); (2) a determination is made under Texas Family Code §53.01 that the person referred to juvenile court was not a "child" as that term is defined by Texas Family Code §51.02(2); (3) a determination is made that no deferred prosecution or formal court proceedings will be initiated against the child; (4) the court or jury finds that the child did not engage in delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision and the case has been dismissed with prejudice; or (5) the child was adjudicated but no disposition was or will be ordered by the court, the student may be readmitted to the **DISTRICT** at the **DISTRICT'S** discretion and in accordance with the requirements of this memorandum of understanding. Such students are referred to as having committed an offense referred to as a "Category B" offense. The **DISTRICT** shall fully and fairly examine the circumstances surrounding the case, and, when appropriate, consult with the County Attorney's Office, the Juvenile Probation Department, and the student's parents. Following this examination, the **DISTRICT** is authorized to admit the student unconditionally, to the **DISTRICT** AEP, or pursuant to the provisions of this memorandum of understanding, provide that the student continue his or her placement in the **JJAEP** for the remaining period of the student's expulsion.

C. Students may be expelled for engaging in serious misbehavior in accordance with Texas Education Code §37.007 (c). A student may also be expelled for committing an offense described in Texas Education Code §37.007 (b) or (f). Students referred for first time misdemeanor offenses or for serious misbehavior shall be individually evaluated by the Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department prior to being expelled into the **JJAEP**. The Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department will make the final determination regarding admitting the student into the **JJAEP**. These offenses will be referred to as "Category B" offenses. See appendix "B" or "C" for list of offenses.

D. Students who have been officially charged by submission of an offense report and referred to the Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department for committing any felony offense under Title 5, Penal Code, and the offense does not meet the criteria as a "Category A" offense, may be expelled into the **JJAEP** in accordance with Texas Education Code §37.0081. The Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department will make the final determination regarding admitting the student into the **JJAEP**. These offenses will be referred to as "Category C" offenses. See appendix "C" for list of offenses. If a student is expelled from the **DISTRICT** for committing a category C offense but: (1) the charges are reduced to a misdemeanor offense; or (2) the court or jury finds that the student did not engage in a Category C offense and the case has been dismissed with prejudice, the student shall be readmitted to the **DISTRICT**. A student charged with a category C offense who is not under the court's jurisdiction shall be served by the **DISTRICT**.

E. Students who are required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure and are under court jurisdiction may be removed from the **DISTRICT** and placed in the **JJAEP** in accordance with Texas Education Code §37.309(b). These offenses will be referred to as "Category D" offenses. See appendix "B" for list of offenses. A student who is not required to register as a sex offender or is not under court jurisdiction shall be returned to the **DISTRICT**. The

removal of registered sex offenders only applies to students whose offense was committed on or after September 1, 2007.

1.2 **DISTRICT** may expel a student who has been identified as a qualified disabled student under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) only after a duly constituted Admission Review and Dismissal (ARD) committee has conducted a behavior manifestation determination, indicating that the alleged misconduct is not related to the student's disability. A representative of the **JJAEP** shall be given the opportunity to attend the ARD committee meeting. A copy of the behavioral manifestation determination must be included with the student's records. After making such a determination, the sending **DISTRICT'S** ARD committee shall determine what related services are necessary to comply with the IDEA. The sending **DISTRICT** shall remain responsible for making available the special education services necessary to implement the student's individual education plan (IEP) and/or individual transition plan (ITP). The sending **DISTRICT** serves as the local education agency (LEA) for all students expelled from the sending **DISTRICT** to the **JJAEP**. The sending **DISTRICT** may make related services available in conjunction with the **JJAEP** or at a separate time and location, at the discretion of the **DISTRICT**. If the sending **DISTRICT** chooses to make such related services available in conjunction with the **JJAEP**, the sending **DISTRICT** shall cooperate with the **JJAEP** to minimize disruption of the **JJAEP**. If the sending **DISTRICT** requires the student to leave the **JJAEP** for educational services, the IEP and/or ITP will include the need for transportation as a related service. If, after placement of a student in the **JJAEP**, the administrator of the program or the administrator's designee has concerns that the student's educational or behavioral needs cannot be met in the program, the administrator or designee shall immediately provide written notice of those concerns to the sending **DISTRICT** from which the student was expelled. The student's admission, review, and dismissal committee shall meet to reconsider the placement of the student in the program. The **DISTRICT** shall, in accordance with applicable federal law, provide the administrator or designee with reasonable notice of the meeting, and a representative of the program may participate in the meeting to the extent that the meeting relates to the student's continued placement in the program. The CONROE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is not required to provide any related services to students assigned to the **JJAEP** facility who are not residents of the CONROE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

1.3 If the **JJAEP** determines that a student who has not been previously qualified as a student with disabilities under the IDEA may be eligible for services under the IDEA, the District of residence shall conduct all necessary evaluations to determine if the student does qualify for services under the IDEA.

1.4 The **JJAEP**, in collaboration with the sending **DISTRICT**, shall ensure that a student who is non-English speaking or who speaks English as a second language (ESL) is provided ESL services and instruction appropriate to address his or her needs, as determined by a language proficiency assessment committee (LPAC). Documentation of the LPAC determinations shall be maintained by the **JJAEP**.

1.5 The **JJAEP** shall ensure, in collaboration with the sending **DISTRICT**, that a student who is eligible for services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is provided services and instruction appropriate to address his or her needs, as determined by a Section 504 committee. Documentation of Section 504 eligibility determinations shall be maintained by the **JJAEP**.

1.6 Students expelled to the **JJAEP** shall receive instruction in English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and self-discipline. **DISTRICT** shall consider course credit earned by a student while in the **JJAEP** as credit earned in a **DISTRICT** school.

1.7 Any student who does not meet the eligibility requirements of this memorandum of understanding is not entitled to educational services provided by the **JJAEP**.

Required Documentation

2.1 Upon referral of a student to the **JJAEP**, the sending **DISTRICT** shall forward to the **JJAEP** the same records it is required to forward to another public school when a student moves from one district to another. **No student shall be admitted into the JJAEP until all of the student's records have been received.** Records that should be forwarded to the **JJAEP** include but are not limited to the following student records:

- The student's current transcript including all achievement test records;
- The student's current year report card;
- Withdrawal form, which shall indicate the list of courses in which the student is currently enrolled and **the current earned grade in each course for the current grading cycle;**
- The student's State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) summary sheet;
- The student's I.E.P., and most recent ARD documents including minutes;
- The student's behavioral manifestation determination;
- The student's immunization records;
- The student's valid Social Security number or if no Social Security number exists, then the student's State Identification number;
- Expulsion letter;
- Parent Acknowledgement Form;
- J.J.A.E.P. Intent to Enter Form; and
- Graduation Plan.

3. Funding

3.1 Funding for the **JJAEP** is provided by the State through the Texas Juvenile Justice Department for all Category A students who attend the **JJAEP**. The **DISTRICT** shall not assume any financial liability for such students.

3.2 **Conroe Independent School District** will collect from each district \$85.00 per day for each Category B and \$100.00 per day for each Category C student assigned to the **JJAEP**. Districts that choose to send Category B or C students to the **JJAEP** will be billed at the end of each semester. Payment is due within 30 days of receipt.

3.3 Should a Category B student accumulate 4 or more unexcused absences from the **JJAEP**, the **JJAEP** will advise the **DISTRICT** in writing of such absences.

3.4 Category B students who are absent ten consecutive days will be withdrawn from the **JJAEP** in accordance with **DISTRICT** policy.

4. Length of Placement

4.1 The term of placement shall not exceed the length of court-imposed supervision or, if the student is placed on deferred prosecution, the length of placement shall not exceed 6 months.

4.2 The length of placement for Category B students will be determined by consultation between the **DISTRICT** and the **JJAEP** with a minimum of 30 successful days and a maximum of 90 successful days in the program.

4.3 The length of placement for Category C students will be determined by consultation between the **DISTRICT** and the **JJAEP** with a minimum of 30 successful days and a maximum of 180 days in the program.

4.4 The length of placement for Category D students shall be a minimum of one semester but not to exceed 180 days. One semester is defined by the **DISTRICT** calendar.

4.5 In the event that a Category D student transfers in from another district during the student's placement, the student shall receive credit for the length of placement served from the sending district/placement toward the term of placement in the **JJAEP**.

4.6 The length of placement may be reduced if all entities are in agreement that the reduction in time is in the best interest of the student.

4.7 The length of placement shall not be extended unless all entities are in agreement that the extension in time is in the best interest of the student.

4.8 In the event that a **JJAEP** student is detained in the Montgomery County Juvenile Detention Center or placed in a residential (out of home) placement, the Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department shall retain the discretion to assign credit for the length of placement to the term of expulsion/removal.

4.9 In the event of overcrowding, the **JJAEP** reserves the right to establish a waiting list for admission or to return any Category B student to his or her home **DISTRICT** prior to the completion of the term of expulsion.

5.

Administration of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR)

- The **Conroe Independent School District** shall be responsible for acquiring all secure and non-secured test materials, which shall be made available to students enrolled in the **JJAEP** on the day the STAAR is to be administered.
- The **Conroe Independent School District** shall be responsible for training and certifying by oath all designated testing and non-testing staff.
- The **Conroe Independent School District** shall be responsible for administering the STAAR to those students enrolled in the **JJAEP**.
- The **DISTRICT** shall be responsible for retrieving all secured answer documents attributed to the **DISTRICT'S** students that are enrolled in the **JJAEP** from the **JJAEP** facilities.
- The **Conroe Independent School District** shall be responsible for returning all non-secured and secured testing material to the appropriate TEA agent.

6.

Transportation

6.1 Transportation to the **JJAEP** shall be the responsibility of the sending **DISTRICT**. Students should arrive at 2235 North First Street, Conroe, TX 77301 no later than 7:15 A.M. on each day school is in session. Transportation home shall be the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian. In rare instances when transportation home is not available, the **JJAEP** staff will make necessary arrangements to assure the student arrives home safely.

7.

Situs, Fiscal Agent, and Staffing Requirements

7.1 The **Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department** is designated as the situs of the **JJAEP**.

7.2 The **Conroe Independent School District** shall provide administration of the educational aspects of the **JJAEP** and serve as the Fiscal Agent for the **BOARD** and for each of the other participating Districts.

7.3 The **Conroe Independent School District** shall administer the educational program on a day-to-day basis in accordance with policies promulgated and/or adopted by the **BOARD**; shall maintain all educational records applicable to the **DISTRICT** with regard to the status and ultimate disposition of each student assigned to the **JJAEP**; and shall provide the necessary curriculum in accordance with Texas Education Code §37.011, and; other such responsibilities normally associated with the administration of educational services.

7.4 As Fiscal Agent, the **Conroe Independent School District** Shall disburse program funds applicable to education services; shall be responsible for educational personnel serving the campus and program; shall maintain all educational records applicable to the program and shall correspond with each student's home District with regard to the status and ultimate disposition of each assigned student; and shall provide necessary curriculum and other such responsibilities normally associated with the administration of educational services. See appendix "D" for PEIMS procedures.

7.5 The expenses of the educational program shall be covered by those funds received in compliance with Texas Education Code §25.037 and §25.038. **Conroe Independent School District** will invoice all other Districts at the end of each semester for tuition associated with Category B or C students. Payment is due within 30 days.

7.6 Nothing herein shall burden the **Conroe Independent School District**, the **BOARD**, or any other participating District with the added expense necessary to address or accommodate any particular needs of special education, education of the handicapped, accommodation of a disability, or other special requirements unique to a particular student. Such services, costs, and expenses shall remain the responsibility of the **DISTRICT** in which the student is or was last regularly enrolled prior to the student's placement in the **JJAEP**.

7.7 The Chief Juvenile Officer and the **BOARD** shall provide personnel in the form of **JJAEP** Administrator, juvenile supervision officers and juvenile probation officers to assure compliance with court orders and to provide client oversight consistent with typical client contact (i.e. client counseling, crisis intervention, family counseling, etc.). The **BOARD** shall also provide the physical plant. The **Conroe Independent School District** shall provide the personnel necessary to deliver educational services.

8.

Miscellaneous

8.1 Consistent with the Texas Education Code and Texas Juvenile Justice Code, the parties hereto agree to use their best efforts to expedite the administrative and judicial processing of all cases related to this memorandum of understanding.

8.2 To the extent permitted by applicable law, but without waiver or expansion of any limits established by the Texas Tort Claims Act, each party to this memorandum of understanding will hold harmless the other parties and their officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims proximately caused by negligence, breach, or other act or omission by the other party or its officers, employees, or agents.

8.3 In accordance with Texas Education Code §37.011(j) the Board, County, and Commissioners Court are immune from liability to the same extent as a school district, and the **BOARD'S** or County's professional employees and volunteers are immune from liability to the same extent as a school district's professional employees and volunteers.

8.4 If there is no available space for additional students to enter the program, additional assigned students may be placed on a "waiting list" for the next available opening. However, no expelled student may be ordered to attend

a regular classroom, a regular campus, or a **DISTRICT** alternative education program, without the informed consent of the **DISTRICT**.

8.5 The term of this memorandum of understanding shall be for the 2026-2027 school year according to the school calendar of the Conroe Independent School District. See appendix "E". Thereafter, renewal may be made on a year-to-year basis by mutual consent of the parties.

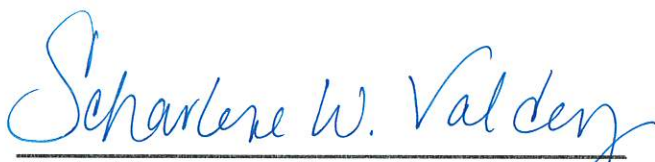
8.6 Students who are 17 years of age or older and who are expelled for a Category A offense committed on or after the age 17 are eligible for the JJAEP.

8.7 Students who are 17 years of age or older and who are expelled for Category B offenses may not be placed in the **JJAEP**. The **DISTRICT** of residence shall be responsible for providing for the student's education or G.E.D. preparatory classes.

8.8 A **DISTRICT** principal or designee shall make at least one visit to the **JJAEP** campus for each student expelled to the **JJAEP**. The purpose of the visit is to monitor student progress and encourage rehabilitation.

8.9 The **DISTRICT**, in conjunction with the **JJAEP**, will evaluate each student who is pregnant or becomes pregnant while attending the **JJAEP**. Consideration will be given to programs available within the **DISTRICT** to serve such students.

Signed on behalf of their respective boards by:



Chair, Montgomery County Juvenile Board



Date

President, Board of Trustees

Date

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Conduct	"Mandatory" Expulsion	"Discretionary" Expulsion	"Mandatory" DAEP	"Discretionary" DAEP
Abandon or Endanger Child, Elderly, Disabled (Title V Felony)		All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c) ⁱⁱ On or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a) ⁱⁱⁱ	
Aggravated Assault (Title V Felony)	All locations, 37.007(a)	All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c)	
Aggravated Kidnapping (Title V Felony)	All locations, 37.007(a)	All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c)	
Aggravated Robbery (Title V Felony)	All locations, 37.007(a)	All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c)	
Aggravated Sexual Assault (Title V Felony)	All locations, 37.007(a)	All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c)	
Assault (felony level) (Title V Felony)	All locations, 37.007(a) (only if bodily injury to school employee or volunteer)	All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c)	
Bestiality (Title V Felony)		All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c); On or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a)	
Cap Murder, Attempted (Title V Felony)	All locations, 37.007(a)	All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c)	
Cont. Smuggling of Persons (Title V Felony)		All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c); On or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a)	
Continuous Sex Abuse Young Child/Disabled (17+ only) (Title V Felony)	All locations, 37.007(a)	All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c)	
Continuous Trafficking of Persons (Title V Felony)		All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c); On or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a)	
Crim. Neg. Homicide (Title V Felony)	All locations, 37.007(a)	All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c)	
Deadly Conduct (Title V Felony)	With firearm, likely includes elements of UCW so fits all locations, 37.007(a)	Felony, all locations, 37.0081 All levels, on or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.007(b)	On or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.007(b) Off campus, 37.006(c)	
Harassment of Public Servant (Title V Felony)		All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c); On or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a)	
Indecency with a Child (Title V Felony)	All locations, 37.007(a)	All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c)	
Indecent Assault (with prior conviction)		All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c);	

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(Title V Felony)			On or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a)	
Injury to Child, Elderly, Disabled (Title V Felony)		All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c); On or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a)	
Invasive Visual Recording (Title V Felony)		All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c)	
Kidnapping (Title V Felony)	All locations, 37.007(a)	All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c)	
Manslaughter (Title V Felony)	All locations, 37.007(a)	All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c)	
Murder, Attempted (Title V Felony)	All locations, 37.007(a)	All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c)	
Operation of Stash House (Title V Felony)		All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c)	
Public Lewdness (Title V Felony)		All locations, 37.0081 Felony Level Only; While in DAEP, 37.007(c)	On or within 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a)	
Sexual Assault (Title V Felony)	All locations, 37.007(a)	All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c)	
Sexual Coercion (Title V Felony)		All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c) On or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a)	
Smuggling of Persons (Title V Felony)		All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c) On or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a)	
Terroristic Threat (Title V Felony)		Felony, all locations, 37.0081, Involving public school, 37.007(b)	Off campus, 37.006(c) On or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a) Involving public school, 37.006(a)	
Trafficking of Persons (Title V Felony)		All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c); On or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a)	
Unlawful Disclosure or Promotion of Intimate Visual Material (Title V Felony)		All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c); On or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a)	
Voyeurism (vic under 14) (Title V Felony)		All locations, 37.0081	Off campus, 37.006(c);	

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			Felony, location not referenced, 37.007(f); While in DAEP, 37.007(c)	On or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a) Off campus, 37.006(c)	
Criminal Mischief	All locations, 37.007(a)				Off campus and while not at SSA or SRA, felony that is not Title V or Aggravated Robbery, 37.006(d) ^{iv}
Burglary	All locations, 37.007(a)				Off campus and while not at SSA or SRA, felony that is not Title V or Aggravated Robbery, 37.006(d) ^{iv}
Robbery				On or within 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a) On or within 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a) if not covered by 37.007(a)	Off campus and while not at SSA or SRA, felony that is not Title V or Aggravated Robbery, 37.006(d) ^{iv}
Indecent Exposure				On or within 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a) All locations, 37.006(a)	
Other Felony					Off campus and while not at SSA or SRA, felony that is not Title V or Aggravated Robbery, 37.006(d) ^{iv}
Assault Bodily Injury 22.01(a)(1) (MA)				On or within 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a) All locations, 37.006(a)	
False Alarm or Report Involving Public School			All locations, 37.007(b)		
Breach of Computer Security involving Public School			All locations, 37.007(b)(4)		
Deliberate Violent Behavior			While in DAEP, 37.007(c)		
Extortion			While in DAEP, 37.007(c)		
Coercion			While in DAEP, 37.007(c)		
Indecent Exposure			While in DAEP, 37.007(c)		
Personal Hazing			While in DAEP, 37.007(c)		
			42.07(a)(1) against student or district employee while in DAEP, 37.007(c)	42.07(a)(1)-(3) or (7) against district employee, on or w/in 300 ft or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a); 42.07 against school employee or volunteer, any location, 37.006(b)	
Harassment				Against a school employee or volunteer, any location, 37.006(b)	
Retaliation					
Disruptive Activities					Location specified in statute; 37.006(d)

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Disruption of Classes (unless subsection (d) applies)				Location specified in statute; 37.006(d)
DRUG AND ALCOHOL				
Felony CS or DD (not marijuana)	All locations, 37.007(a)			
Non-felony CS or DD (not marijuana)		Selling, giving, delivering, possessing, using, or being under influence of, on or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.007(b)	Selling, giving, delivering, possessing, using, or being under influence of, on or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a)	
Marijuana/THC		Selling, giving, delivering, possessing, using, or being under influence of, on or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.007(b)	Selling, giving, delivering, possessing, using, or being under influence of, on or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a)	
Alcohol		Selling, giving, delivering, possessing, using, or being under influence of or commits serious act while under influence of, on or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.007(b)	Selling, giving, delivering, possessing, using, or being under influence of or commits serious act while under influence of, on or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.006(a)	Possessing or using, no location specified; 37.006(d) ⁱⁱⁱ
E-Cigarette				
Abusable volatile chemical offense		On or w/in 300 feet or SSA or SRA, 37.007(b)		
WEAPONS				
Unlawfully Carrying Weapon	All locations, 37.007(a)		Off campus, 37.006(c), but excludes Class C misdemeanor	
Prohibited Weapon	All locations, 37.007(a)			
Possess Firearm at School	On school property, 37.007(e)	Within 300 feet of school property, 37.007(b)		
Disorderly Conduct involving a firearm			Off campus, 37.006(c)	

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ⁱ 37.0081 includes all Title 5 felonies plus aggravated robbery when person is arrested/referred to juvenile court, charged, gets deferred prosecution or deferred adjudication, or is adjudicated or convicted and the presence in regular classroom threatens the safety of other students, will be detrimental to the education process, or is not in the best interest of students. Conflicts between 37.0081 and 37.007 controlled by 37.007.

ⁱⁱ 37.006(c) includes when a student gets deferred prosecution or juvenile adjudication for the conduct or when superintendent or designee has a reasonable belief student engaged in the conduct off campus and not at a school-sponsored or school-related activity. The statute does not address the conflicts with 37.007(a). The conduct is Title 5 felonies, aggravated robbery, disorderly conduct involving a firearm, and unlawfully carrying a weapon, other than a class C misdemeanor (location-restricted knife).

ⁱⁱⁱ 37.006(a) includes conduct punishable as a felony that is committed on or within 300 feet of school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity. It excludes conduct that is addressed in 37.007(a), which is "mandatory" expulsion. It also includes the class A misdemeanor of assault – causing bodily injury and certain drug and alcohol conduct.

^{iv} Based on superintendent reasonable belief that the conduct occurred and that continued present in the regular classroom threatens the safety of other students or teachers or will be detrimental to the educational process. Does not address conflict with 37.007(a) for "mandatory" expulsion nor other conflicts related to specific felonies.

^v Based on superintendent reasonable belief that the conduct occurred and that continued present in the regular classroom threatens the safety of other students or teachers or will be detrimental to the educational process. Does not address conflict with 37.007(a) for "mandatory" expulsion nor other conflicts related to specific felonies.

^{vi} Based on superintendent reasonable belief that the conduct occurred and that continued present in the regular classroom threatens the safety of other students or teachers or will be detrimental to the educational process. Does not address conflict with 37.007(a) for "mandatory" expulsion nor other conflicts related to specific felonies.

^{vii} If not placed in DAEP for first offense, must be placed in in-school suspension for at least 10 days.

MANDATORY OFFENSES

<u>Offense Description</u>	<u>Citation</u>	<u>Statute</u>	<u>Level & Degree</u>
AGG ASSLT CAUSES SERIOUS BODILY INJ	22.02(a)(1)	PC	F2
AGG ASSLT W/DEADLY WEAPON	22.02(a)(2)	PC	F2
AGG KIDNAPPING BOD INJURY	20.04(a)(4)	PC	F1
AGG KIDNAPPING W/ DEADLY WEAPON	20.04(b)	PC	F1
AGG ROBBERY	29.03(b)	PC	F1
AGG SEXUAL ASSLT	22.021	PC	F1
AGG SEXUAL ASSLT CHILD	22.021(a)(2)(B)	PC	F1
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	22.02(b)	PC	F2
ARSON	28.02(d)	PC	F2
ASSAULT CAUSES BODILY INJ TO SCHOOL EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER	22.01(a)(1)	PC	MA
BURGLARY HABITATION INTEND OTHER FELONY	30.02(d)	PC	F1
BURGLARY HABITATION INTEND SEX OFFENSE	30.02(d)	PC	F1
BURGLARY OF BLDNG ENTER/CONCEAL INTND THEFT CS	30.02(c-1)(2)	PC	F3
BURGLARY OF BUILDING	30.02(c)(1)	PC	FS
BURGLARY OF HABITATION	30.02(c)(2)	PC	F2
BURGLARY OF VEHICLE W/2+ CONV IAT	30.04(d)(2)(A)	PC	FS
CAPITAL MURDER BY TERROR THREAT/OTHER FELONY	19.03(a)(2)	PC	FX
CAPITAL MURDER FOR RETALIATION JUDGE/JUSTICE	19.03(a)(10)	PC	FX
CAPITAL MURDER OF A PEACE OFFICER OR FIREMAN	19.03(a)(1)	PC	FX
CAPITAL MURDER OF ANOTHER PERSON IN PRISON	19.03(a)(5-6)	PC	FX
CAPITAL MURDER OF MULTIPLE PERSONS	19.03(a)(7)	PC	FX
CAPITAL MURDER OF PERSON =>10YOA<15YOA	19.03(a)(9)	PC	FX
CAPITAL MURDER OF PERSON UNDER TEN YOA	19.03(a)(8)	PC	FX
CAPITAL MURDER PERSON WHILE ESCAPING/ATTEMPT	19.03(a)(4)	PC	FX
CAPITAL MURDER WHILE REMUNERATION	19.03(a)(3)	PC	FX
CRIM NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE	19.05	PC	FS
EXHIBIT FIREARMS ON CAMPUS OR SCHOOL BUS	37.125(b)	EDC	F3
INDECENCY W/A CHILD EXPOSES	21.11(d)	PC	F3
INDECENCY W/CHILD SEXUAL CONTACT	21.11(d)	PC	F2
KIDNAPPING	20.03(a)	PC	F3
MANSLAUGHTER	19.04(b)	PC	F2
MURDER	19.02(c)	PC	F1
POSS CS NOT IN PG	481.119(b)	HSC	MB
POSS CS NOT IN PG DFZ IAT 481.119	481.134(f)	HSC	MA
POSS CS PG 1/1-B <1G	481.115(b)	HSC	FS
POSS CS PG 1/1-B >=1G<4G	481.115(c)	HSC	F3
POSS CS PG 1/1-B >=200G<400G	481.115(e)	HSC	F1
POSS CS PG 1/1-B >=400G	481.115(f)	HSC	F1
POSS CS PG 1/1-B >=4G<200G	481.115(d)	HSC	F2
POSS CS PG 1-A <20AU	481.1151(b)(1)	HSC	FS
POSS CS PG 1-A >=20AU	481.1151(b)(2)	HSC	F3
POSS CS PG 1-A >=4000AU	481.1151(b)(4)	HSC	F1
POSS CS PG 1-A >=8000AU	481.1151(b)(5)	HSC	F1

POSS CS PG 1-A >=80AU	481.1151(b)(3)	HSC	F2
POSS CS PG 2 < 1G	481.116(b)	HSC	FS
POSS CS PG 2 >= 1G < 4G	481.116(c)	HSC	F3
POSS CS PG 2 >= 400G	481.116(e)	HSC	F1
POSS CS PG 2 >= 4G < 400G	481.116(d)	HSC	F2
POSS CS PG 2-A <= 2OZ	481.1161(b)(1)	HSC	MB
POSS CS PG 2-A > 2000LB	481.1161(b)(6)	HSC	F1
POSS CS PG 2-A > 2OZ <= 4OZ	481.1161(b)(2)	HSC	MA
POSS CS PG 2-A > 4OZ <= 5LB	481.1161(b)(3)	HSC	FS
POSS CS PG 2-A > 50LB <= 2000LB	481.1161(b)(5)	HSC	F2
POSS CS PG 2-A > 5LB <= 50LB	481.1161(b)(4)	HSC	F3
POSS CS PG 3 >= 28G < 200G	481.117(c)	HSC	F3
POSS CS PG 3 >= 400G	481.117(e)	HSC	F1
POSS CS PG 3 >=200G < 400G	481.117(d)	HSC	F2
POSS CS PG 3< 28G	481.117(b)	HSC	MA
POSS CS PG 4 < 28G	481.118(b)	HSC	MB
POSS CS PG 4 >= 400G	481.118(e)	HSC	F1
POSS CS PG 4 >=200G <400G	481.118(d)	HSC	F2
POSS CS PG 4 >=28G < 200G	481.118(c)	HSC	F3
POSS CS PG1/1B <1G DFZ IAT 481.115	481.134(d)	HSC	F3
POSS CS PG1-A AU <20 DFZ IAT 481.1151	481.134(d)	HSC	F3
POSS CS PG2 <1G DFZ IAT 481.116	481.134(d)	HSC	F3
POSS CS PG2-A 4OZ<5LB DFZ IAT 481.1161	481.134(d)	HSC	F3
POSS CS PG3 <28G DFZ IAT 481.117	481.134(e)	HSC	FS
POSS CS PG4 <28G DFZ IAT 481.118	481.134(f)	HSC	MA
POSS DANGEROUS DRUG	483.041(d)	HSC	MA
PROH WEAPON	46.05(e)	PC	F3
PROH WEAPON TIRE DEFLATION DEVICE	46.05(e)	PC	FS
ROBBERY	29.02(b)	PC	F2
SEXUAL ASSLT	22.011(a)(1)	PC	F2
SEXUAL ASSLT CHILD	22.011(a)(2)	PC	F2
THEFT OF FIREARM	31.03(e)(4)(C)	PC	FS
THREATEN EXHIBIT/USE FIREARM SCHOOL/BUS	37.125(c)	EDC	MA
UNL CARRYING WEAPON	46.02(b)	PC	MA

DISCRETIONARY OFFENSES

<u>Offense Description</u>	<u>Citation</u>	<u>Statute</u>	<u>Level & Degree</u>
AIDING SUICIDE/SBI	22.08(b)	PC	FS
ASSAULT ON A PUBLIC SERVANT	22.01(b)(1)	PC	F3
BESTIALITY	21.09(b)	PC	FS
BESTIALITY CHILD <18 PRESENT/SBI/DEATH OF ANIM	21.09(b)	PC	F2
RETALIATION	36.06	PC	F3
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF >=\$150K<\$300K	28.03(b)(6)(A)	PC	F2
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF >=\$2,500<\$30K	28.03(b)(4)(A)	PC	FS
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF >=\$300K	28.03(b)(7)	PC	F1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF >=\$30K<\$150K	28.03(b)(5)(A)	PC	F3
DEADLY CONDUCT	22.05(a)	PC	MA
FALSE ALARM OR REPORT	42.06(b)	PC	MA
FALSE ALARM OR REPORT EMERGENCY	42.06 (b)	PC	FS
HARASSMENT BY PERSON IN CORR/DET/CIV COM FACIL	22.11(b)	PC	F3
HARASSMENT OF PUBLIC SERVANT	22.11(b)	PC	F3
INVASIVE VISUAL RECORDING	21.15(c)	PC	FS
POSS MARIJ < 2OZ	481.121(b)(1)	HSC	MB
POSS MARIJ <= 2,000LBS > 50LBS	481.121(b)(5)	HSC	F2
POSS MARIJ <= 4OZ > 2OZ	481.121(b)(2)	HSC	MA
POSS MARIJ <= 50 LBS >5LBS	481.121(b)(4)	HSC	F3
POSS MARIJ <= 5LBS > 4OZ	481.121(b)(3)	HSC	FS
POSS MARIJ > 2,000LBS	481.121(b)(6)	HSC	F1
POSS MARJ <2OZ DFZ IAT 481.121	481.134(f)	HSC	MA
POSS MARJ 2OZ<4OZ DFZ IAT 481.121	481.134(e)	HSC	FS
POSS MARJ 4OZ<5LB DFZ IAT 481.121	481.134(d)	HSC	F3
POSS OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR	106.05 ABC	ABC	CI
SEXUAL COERCION	21.18(e)	PC	FS
SMUGGLING OF PERSONS	20.05(b)	PC	F3
TAMPERING W/ CONSUMER PROD	22.09(b)	PC	F2
TAMPERING W/ CONSUMER PROD SBI	22.09(b)	PC	F1
TAMPERING W/ CONSUMER PROD THREAT	22.09(c)	PC	F3
TERRORISTIC THREAT AGAINST PEACE OFFICER/JUDGE	22.07(c-1)	PC	FS
TERRORISTIC THREAT AGAINST PUBLIC SERVANT	22.07(c)(2)	PC	MA
TERRORISTIC THREAT CAUSE FEAR OF IMMINENT SBI	22.07(c)	PC	MB
TERRORISTIC THREAT INTERRUPT PUBLIC PLACE	22.07(d)	PC	MA
TERRORISTIC THREAT OF FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD	22.07(c)(1)	PC	MA
TERRORISTIC THREAT REACTION EMERGENCY AGENCY	22.07(b)	PC	MB
TRAFFICKING OF PERSON	20A.02(b)	PC	F1
TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS: CONTINUOUS	20A.03(e)	PC	F1
VOYEURISM: VICTIM UNDER 18 YOA W/PREV CONV IAT	21.17(d)	PC	F3
probation placement	other		
Court ordered placement	other		
Registered sex offender	37.309	EC	
Serious Misbehavior	37.007{C}	EC	

Appendix D - PEIMS Procedures

CISD STUDENTS IN A PERMISSIVE PLACEMENT

ADA eligibility	1
Campus ID of Enrollment	our JJAEP campus
Campus ID of Residence	their home campus
Student attribution code	02

CISD STUDENTS IN A MANDATORY PLACEMENT

ADA eligibility	4
Campus ID of Enrollment	our JJAEP campus
Campus ID of Residence	their home campus
Student attribution code	02

OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENTS IN A PERMISSIVE PLACEMENT

OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENTS IN A MANDATORY PLACEMENT

ADA eligibility	4
Campus ID of Enrollment	our JJAEP campus
Campus ID of Residence	their home campus
Student attribution code	02

DISCIPLINE RECORDS

Need to include on All CISD students placed (mandatory and permissive placements due to discipline) on Senate Bill 133 Report using Disciplinary Action Code '07' – Placement in an alternative education program established under Section 37.008.



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INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026-2027 School Calendar

APPROVED 1/20/26

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	Holiday
	Beginning of Grading Period
	Ending of Grading Period
	Early release (Students)
	Professional Day (No students)
	Teacher professional learning (No students)
	Teacher exchange day (No students)
	Inclement Weather Day (Students and Staff)

Days of Instruction

	Students	Teachers
1st Semester	82.5	92
2nd Semester	90.5	95
Total Days	173	187

Grading Periods

1st Semester	
Grading period	Ends
1st	October 8
2nd	December 18
2nd Semester	
Grading period	Ends
1st	March 12
2nd	May 27

Students

Starting date	August 12
Ending date	May 27

Staff

Starting date	August 3
Ending date	May 28

Student Holidays

Labor Day	September 7
Holiday	October 9 - 12
Holiday	November 2 - 3
Thanksgiving	November 23 - 27
Christmas Break	Dec. 21 - Jan. 5
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Jan. 18
Holiday	February 12
Presidents' Day	February 15
Spring Break	March 15 - 19
Holiday	March 26
Holiday	March 29*
Holiday	April 30
Memorial Day	May 31

Student Early Release

December 18	May 27
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Teacher Professional Days

August 4 - 11	January 4
May 28	

Teacher Professional Learning Days

November 3	January 5
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Teacher Exchange Days

(3 days exchanged for professional learning)

August 3	October 9
February 12	

*Inclement Weather Day

(Student and staff make-up day, if needed)

March 29

Report Cards

Individual campuses will report distribution date for report cards after each grading period.



Splendoria ISD Board of Trustees Agenda Item Information Form

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 10, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from Region VI for Math Academies.

THIS ITEM RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN PILLAR(S): Priority 1- Student Outcomes: Academics

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: House Bill 2 (HB 2), enacted by the 89th Texas Legislature in 2025, requires all Texas school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to ensure that, no later than the 2030–2031 school year, designated elementary instructional staff and campus leaders complete a Texas Mathematics Academy.

This requirement applies to:

- Kindergarten through Grade 3 classroom teachers who provide mathematics instruction;
- Campus principals;
- Assistant principals;
- Mathematics instructional coaches; and
- Mathematics interventionists serving campuses with Kindergarten through Grade 3.

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) authorizes Splendoria ISD to participate in the Texas Mathematics Academy program and ensures the district is positioned to meet the state-mandated professional learning requirements established under House Bill 2.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees of Splendoria Independent School District approve the Region VI MOU for participation in Math Academies.

ATTACHMENTS:  **Splendoria ISD MOU for Math Academies ESC 6 Enrollment.pdf**

BUDGET INFORMATION: Teaching & Learning general fund

RESOURCE PERSONNEL: Dr. Kristy Dietrich, Deputy Superintendent

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move to approve the Region VI MOU for participation in Math Academies.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Education Service Center Region 6 (ESC Region 6)

and

Splendora Independent School District (ISD)

Texas Mathematics Academies for 2026-2027 Pilot Year Enrollment

I. PURPOSE

This MOU establishes the agreement between ESC Region 6 and SplendoraISD for enrolling participants in Texas Mathematics Academies in accordance with House Bill 2.

II. TERM

This agreement shall remain in effect for the Texas Mathematics Academies 2026-2027 Pilot Year course enrollment term, including all required training sessions and reporting periods.

III. PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Texas Mathematics Academies Comprehensive Course

Participants:

- House Bill 2 (HB 2), passed by the 89th Texas Legislature in June of 2025, requires that each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall ensure that no later than the 2030–2031 school year, each:
 - Classroom teacher that provides instruction in mathematics to students in kindergarten through third grade,
 - Principal,
 - Assistant principal,
 - Mathematics instructional coach, and
 - Mathematics interventionist at a campus with one of those grade levels

has attended a Texas Mathematics Academy.

Training Structure:

Modules 1 and 2	Module 3	Module 4	Module 5
July–September	September–November	December–February	March–May
12 hours total Synchronous Two 6-hour days, in-person	6 hours total Asynchronous Asynchronous Learning (4 hours) Artifact Submission (90 minutes) Synchronous Virtual Coaching Call (30 minutes) Virtual Office Hours (optional)	6 hours total Asynchronous Asynchronous Learning (4.5 hours) Artifact Submission (90 minutes) Synchronous Virtual Office Hours (optional)	6 hours total Asynchronous Asynchronous Learning (4 hours) Artifact Submission (90 minutes) Synchronous Virtual Coaching Call (30 minutes) Virtual Office Hours (optional)

- Texas Mathematics Academies K–3 consists of five modules totaling approximately 30 hours, designed to be completed within an 11-month period. The program blends face-to-face, synchronous, and asynchronous learning experiences to maximize participant engagement and mastery.
- 2 in-person training sessions
- 2 job-embedded coaching sessions
- Artifacts and Designated Course Assessments

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF ESC REGION 6

ESC Region 6 agrees to:

1. Serve as an Authorized Texas Mathematics Academies provider.
2. Provide training dates and session options to participating Local Education Agencies (LEAs).
3. Provide 2 in-person training sessions for Modules 1 & 2.
4. Maintain attendance documentation.
5. Provide 2 job-embedded coaching sessions.
6. Monitor participant completion of asynchronous learning for Modules 3-5
7. Communicate with the designated LEA Point of Contact.
8. Provide invoices in alignment with the fee schedule below.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES OF Splendora ISD

The ISD agrees to:

1. Partner with ESC Region 6 as the Authorized Texas Mathematics Academies provider.
2. Appoint a Texas Mathematics Academies Point of Contact.
3. Ensure all required participants complete Texas Mathematics Academies.
4. Adhere to HB 2 Stipend Requirements
 - Districts are required to provide stipends to teachers for Texas Mathematics Academies participation that occurs outside of their contracted days and/or hours, in accordance with House Bill 2.

- Participants must receive prior district approval to attend any training or coaching sessions scheduled outside of their contract time.
- The minimum stipend rate is \$50 per hour.
- Districts are solely responsible for the management, processing, and disbursement of all participant stipends.

VI. FEE SCHEDULE

Texas Mathematics Academies (ESC Region 6)

Service	Cost
Enrollment in Texas Mathematics Academies	\$1,200 per participant

Included in Training Fee:

- All required in-person sessions
- Training materials
- All required job-embedded coaching sessions
- Attendance documentation

Not Included:

- Cost associated with release time such as substitute coverage.
- Travel expenses (if applicable)
- Stipends (if applicable, paid directly by district)

Payment Terms:

- ESC Region 6 will invoice the district after participant count confirmation.
- Participant count is determined by Texas Mathematics Academies number of participants who enroll in the course and are in attendance for the Module 1 & 2 in-person session of the course.
- Payment is due within 30 days of invoice.

VII. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice. Termination does not relieve the ISD of statutory obligations tied to House Bill 2 Texas Mathematics Academies requirements, nor relieve the district of payment obligations to the ESC once Texas Mathematics Academies has commenced.

VIII. SIGNATURES

Education Service Center Region 6

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Splendora ISD

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Splendoria ISD Board of Trustees Agenda Item Information Form

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 10, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Approve Optional Flexible School Day Program for REACH

THIS ITEM RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN PILLAR(S): Student Learning & Progress

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) allows districts to offer flexible hours and days of attendance for students who meet at least one requirement under Texas Education Code §29.0822(a). The goal of the program is to improve graduation rates for students who are at risk of dropping out, have dropped out, or are behind in core subjects.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends that the Board approve the Optional Flexible School Day Program for REACH

ATTACHMENTS:  **Optional Flexible School Day Program Application**

BUDGET INFORMATION: N/A

RESOURCE PERSONNEL: Deputy Superintendent-Carrie Reed & Director of Student Services- Aubri Deheck

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move to approve the Optional Flexible School Day Program for REACH.

Optional Flexible School Day Program Application

Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

This is the official Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) Application Form. All required fields must be completed, and all attachments must be included in this submission. **Emailed documents will not be accepted.**

Applications should be submitted 30 days prior to the start of the program. Start date(s) listed in the spreadsheet upload should be at least thirty (30) days after the application is submitted.

For questions or assistance regarding this application, email opflex@tea.texas.gov or visit the [OFSDP website](#).

School System Name *

School System CDN *

Enter your 6-Digit CDN (no dashes)

Mailing Address *

City ***State *****Zip Code: *****Superintendent's Name: *****Superintendent's Email Address: *****School System Phone Number: *****District PEIMS Coordinator Name: *****Email Address: *****OFSDP Contact Name: *****Email Address: ***

OFSDP Contact Name: ***Email Address: ***

Attendance and Compliance Procedures of Proposed Program

1. What type of OFSDP program is the school system applying for? (Select all that apply)

At-Risk Students

The student is at risk of dropping out of school, as defined by [TEC, §29.081](#).

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Minimum Attendance

Students that do not meet the attendance requirements under the [TEC, §25.092](#), will be denied credit for one or more classes in which the student has been enrolled without retaking the class. Funding for attendance is limited to that which is necessary for the student to recover class credit.

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Early College High School

The student is attending a campus that has been designated by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) as an Early College High School (ECHS), as defined by the [TEC, §29.908](#), Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH), as defined by the [TEC, §29.553](#), or Industry Cluster Innovative Academy (ICIA).

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Campus Turnaround Plan

The student is attending a campus implementing an approved innovative campus plan, as defined by [TEC, §39A.107](#).

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Credit Recovery

Credit recovery classes may be offered during the summer recess for students who have not earned a full ADA during the regular school year. For an eligible OFSDP student attending summer OFSDP classes for credit recovery, funding for attendance is limited to that which is necessary for the student to recover class credit.

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Campus Dropout Recovery

The student is attending a community-based dropout recovery education program, as defined by the [TEC, §29.081 \(e-1\)](#), in which courses are offered on-campus 100% of the time. To be eligible for this designation, the campus will be designated by TEA as an Alternative Education Campus (AEC) of Choice - Dropout Recovery School. More information can be found on the [Performance Reporting Division](#) website.

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Remote/Hybrid Dropout Recovery

The student is attending a community-based dropout recovery education program, as defined by the [TEC, §29.081 \(e-2\)](#). A dropout recovery program can be offered for students to work in a remote or hybrid setting, only if the campus is designated by TEA as an Alternative Education Campus (AEC) of Choice - Dropout Recovery School and meets the requirements of [TEC, §29.081 \(e-2\)](#). More information can be found on the [Performance Reporting Division](#) website.

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Please ensure that all questions below are addressed for each selected program type and for each campus listed in the OFSDP spreadsheet.

2. Describe the program goals and objectives. (The goals and objectives must align with the type of OFSDP program that is planned to be offered). *

3. Provide the proposed schedule offered to students participating in the OFSDP, specifying days of the week and times courses are available. If the program is proposed at more than one campus, include the full proposed schedule for each campus location. *

4. Provide an outline of staff positions and resource personnel (teachers, administrators, counselors, support staff, etc.) associated with the program. Include contact hours each staff position will be obligated to the program. *

5. Describe the procedures for identifying students, including how the school confirms and documents student eligibility and obtains student and parental consent for OFSDP participation. (Student or parental consent is required in writing) *

6. Indicate the estimated number of OFSDP students that will be served per teacher. (The student-teacher ratio for in-person dropout recovery programs must not exceed 28:1. For elementary grade levels, the ratio is limited to 22:1. Districts of Innovation campuses may be eligible for applicable exceptions.) *

7. Describe the district's plan for serving students in the OFSDP should the need arise for special education, career and technical education (CTE), pregnancy-related services, and/or bilingual/ESL education. The response must include: *

- How services will be provided;
- Required teacher certifications in each program area; and
- How services will comply with the Student Attendance Accounting Handbook.

- ☐ The district assures that if a student participating in the OFSDP is receiving Compensatory Education Home Instruction (CEHI, homebound instructional services) for pregnancy, the student's instructional code will be transitioned from OFSDP to the appropriate traditional coding for the duration of the CEHI placement. The student will not be reported as participating in OFSDP during any period in which CEHI services are provided. *

8. OFSDP requires a teacher of record to record the actual number of students' instructional minutes on any given day. Explain how the classroom teacher verifies the number of instructional minutes a student receives each day. (Absences and days present do not exist in OFSDP) *

9. Describe how the district will ensure that minutes for students who did not attend a minimum of 45 minutes on a particular day are not reported for funding. *

10. Explain how the district will ensure that students transferring from the traditional program (ADA Codes 0-6) to OFSDP (ADA Codes 7-8) will not generate more than one ADA in total for the school year and that students will not receive more than 10,800 minutes per course. (Note: It is recommended that the district apply the following formula to determine the maximum OFSDP minutes a student is eligible = (Calendar School Days - Traditional Days Present) x 240) *

11. Describe how the district will ensure that attendance practices and records comply with Sections 2.2.3 and 11.6 of the Student Attendance Accounting Handbook. *

[Student Attendance Accounting Handbook](#)

Credit Recovery Program Offered in the Summer

12. Will eligible OFSDP students participate in a credit recovery program offered in the summer? *

Credit recovery classes may be offered during the summer recess for students who have not earned a full ADA during the regular school year. For an eligible OFSDP student attending summer OFSDP classes for credit recovery, funding for attendance is limited to that which is necessary for the student to recover class credit. The Summer Period of Agreement (Credit Recovery) section should only include dates after the regular school year, should not exceed 30 days, and may not extend past July 31st. A student cannot earn more than the equivalent of one ADA in a year.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Campus Dropout Recovery Education Program

13. Will the school system offer a community-based dropout recovery education program as defined by TEC, §29.081(e-1) or (e-2)? *

[TEC, §29.081\(e-1\) or \(e-2\).](#)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Remote/Hybrid Dropout Recovery Program

14. Will the district offer a dropout recovery program in a remote or hybrid setting, as defined by TEC, §29.081 (e-2)? *

[TEC, §29.081 \(e-2\).](#)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Participating Campuses, Student Eligibility, and Period of Agreement

15. Attach a completed OFSDP campus designation spreadsheet that includes all participating campuses. *

[OFSDP Campus Designation Spreadsheet](#)

Guidance: Use form attachment section below to attach file. This section is immediately after question 18 in the form.

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Board Approval

16. Attach a copy of the local school board's official minutes showing approval to operate an OFSDP program. *

Guidance: Use form attachment section below to attach file. This section is immediately after question 18 in the form.

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17. Summarize the information presented to the board during the OFSDP approval meeting regarding program operations and compliance with 19 TAC §129.1027(h), including performance indicators, disaggregated student data, annual performance goals reviewed in an open meeting, and data-driven continuation decisions. *

Signed Authorization

18. Attach a copy of the OFSDP agreement, signed by all required parties. *

[OFSDP Agreement](#)

Guidance: Use form attachment section below to attach file.

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Files Attachment Section:

You will upload the following attachments here:

1. **OFSDP Campus Designation Spreadsheet**
2. **Board Approval**
3. **OFSDP Agreement**

File Upload *



Drop your files here

[Browse](#)

OFSDP Assurances

The applicant shall check all assurances below to confirm awareness of and understanding of responsibilities established herein.

The district assures the board of trustees of the school district, or the governing board of the open-enrollment charter school will include the OFSDP as an item on the agenda concerning the proposed application. *

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The district assures the board of trustees of the school district, or the governing board of the open-enrollment charter school will discuss the progress of the program before applying to operate an OFSDP. *

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The district agrees to enroll only eligible students to participate in an OFSDP authorized under this application. A student is eligible to participate in an OFSDP authorized under the TEC, §29.0822, if: *

[TEC, §29.0822](#)

1. the student meets one of the following conditions:

- the student is at-risk of dropping out of school, as defined by the [TEC, §29.081](#); or
- the student is attending a campus implementing an approved innovative campus plan; or
- the student is attending a community-based dropout recovery education program, as defined by the [TEC, §29.081\(e-1\) or \(e-2\)](#); or
- the student is attending a campus with an approved Early College High School program designation as defined by the [TEC, §29.908](#); or
- the student, as a result of attendance requirements under the [TEC, §25.092](#), will be denied credit for one or more classes in which the student has been enrolled.

and

2. there is an agreement in writing to the student's participation

- by the student, if the student is over 18 years of age; or
- by the student and the student's parent or person standing in parental relation to the student, if the student is less than 18 years of age and not emancipated by marriage or court order.

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The district assures that it will administer all mandatory assessment instruments during the regular assessment cycle to students enrolled in the OFSDP. *

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The district assures that all instructional materials and facilities provided to students in the OFSDP will be comparable to, or exceed, the required standards for students in similar programs.

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The district assures that students participating in an OFSDP will not be isolated from other academic and vocational programs and will have access to school counselors for pre-entry and post-entry counseling, academic or personal counseling, and career counseling. *

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The district assures that faculty and administrators assigned to the OFSDP will meet all qualification requirements, including holding baccalaureate or advanced degrees, being highly qualified, and possessing appropriate certification as required by TAC, §129.1027. *

[TAC, §129.1027](#)

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The district assures that it will adopt and implement a policy that does not penalize students participating in an OFSDP in accordance with the 90% rule (TEC, §25.092(a)) or the 75% to 90% rule for class credit (TEC, §25.092(a-1)). *

[TEC, §25.092\(a\)](#)

[TEC, §25.092\(a-1\)](#)

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The district assures that it will adopt a policy requiring students to attend regularly scheduled instruction in the OFSDP and will apply penalties for nonattendance, including filing truancy charges when appropriate. *

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The district assures that it will accurately track the number of instructional minutes each student receives daily and will comply with all applicable sections of the Student Attendance Accounting Handbook. *

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The district assures that it will comply with all reporting requirements established by the TEA. *

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The district assures that it will not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, color, national origin, religion, or sex in the operation of the OFSDP. *

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The district assures that students participating in an OFSDP will be prohibited from participating in competitions or activities sanctioned or conducted under the authority of the University Interscholastic League (UIL) unless all UIL eligibility requirements are met. *

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The district assures that procedures will be implemented to ensure students are not coded as participating in a traditional instructional program on any day for which OFSDP instructional minutes are earned. *

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The district assures that Student Detail Audit and related six-week attendance and academic reports for the OFSDP track will be generated, reviewed, and certified during each six-week attendance reporting period. *

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The district assures that procedures are in place to offer and provide students with appropriate referrals for mental health services, including access to school-based supports and external community resources, as needed. *

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The district assures that when a remote or hybrid dropout recovery program is provided by a third-party provider, monthly student progress reports will be submitted to the student's school district by a designated date each month. *

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The district assures that an in-person student engagement center is available to students participating in a remote or hybrid dropout recovery program provided by a third-party provider and that its location and purpose are clearly defined to support OFSDP student instruction, engagement, and access to services. *

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Period of Agreement

The period of the agreement, as detailed by participating campuses in the uploaded spreadsheet, is for a maximum of one (1) school year plus an additional thirty (30) school days if the district is applying for credit recovery. Note that the agreement term is subject to annual renewal. *

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Purpose of Agreement

The district must perform all the functions and duties set out in the agreement, the authorizing program statute, and applicable regulations. *

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Reporting Requirements

The district may be required to submit progress reports based on criteria selected by the applicant and agreed to by the commissioner. The TEA may request additional reports as necessary to monitor and assess the progress of students participating in the program. *

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Official Submission

By submitting this document, the applicant acknowledges and affirms that all information and assurances contained in this application are accurate and complete to the best of their knowledge. The applicant further agrees to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and program requirements associated with this application. This submission shall constitute a binding commitment to uphold the assurances provided.

Upon submission of this application, an authorized representative acknowledges and accepts its terms on behalf of the school district or open-enrollment charter school, with such acceptance becoming effective upon approval by the TEA.

Date Signed: *



Revision Contact Form

We will need you to provide a valid **public school system email** below in case your application needs to be revised.

We will not be able to process your application if you do not provide a valid public school system email.

Public School System Email *



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Splendoria ISD Board of Trustees Agenda Item Information Form

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 10, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Adopt Resolution (2026-01) to Declare Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization.

THIS ITEM RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN PILLAR(S): Student Readiness, Student Learning

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Montgomery County 4-H Program, in partnership with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, has requested that 4-H be recognized as an approved extracurricular activity under 19 TAC Chapter 76. This recognition allows Splendoria ISD students to participate in 4-H activities with academic eligibility verification and, when appropriate, excused absences. Additionally, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension personnel have requested appointment as adjunct faculty for the 2026–2027 school year. This designation enables Extension Agents to supervise and support Splendoria ISD students in 4-H activities while ensuring compliance with state attendance and eligibility requirements.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval of the resolution granting extracurricular status to Montgomery County 4-H and approval of the Adjunct Faculty Agreement with the designated Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agents for the 2026–2027 school year.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

BUDGET INFORMATION: NA

RESOURCE PERSONNEL: NA

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move that the Board of Trustees approve the resolution granting extracurricular status to the Montgomery County 4-H Program and approve the Adjunct Faculty Agreement with the designated Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agents for the 2026–2027 school year.



July 17, 2026

Dustin Bromley
Splendora Independent School District
23419 FM 2090
Splendora, TX 77372

Dear Mr. Bromley,

On behalf of the 4-H members of Montgomery County, I hereby respectfully request that the 4-H organization, by the attached resolution, be sanctioned as an extracurricular activity. I request the enclosed RESOLUTION be presented for consideration at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Splendora Independent School District. I further request that questions regarding this RESOLUTION be directed to me in a timely manner so that I may prepare and present an appropriate response so as not to delay action on this request.

Finally, I/we request that a signed copy of this RESOLUTION, along with a copy of the minutes of the Board meeting, be forwarded to me/us for my/our files.

Thank you and members of the Board of Trustees for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

M. Michelle Mihalek
County Extension Agent-
4-H Youth Development
Montgomery County

Attachment: Resolution for Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization

Montgomery County Extension Office
9020 Airport Rd. Conroe, TX 77303
<https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h> | Tel. 936.539.7823



TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

July 17, 2026

Dustin Bromley
Splendora Independent School District
23419 FM 2090
Splendora, TX 77372

Dear Mr. Bromley,

On behalf of the Montgomery County Extension Staff, I hereby respectfully request approval of the attached Adjunct Faculty Agreement with the Splendora Independent School District.

The State Board of Education passed an amendment to 19 TAC§129.21 U). Requirements for Student Attendance Accounting for State Funding Purposes allows public school students to be considered "in attendance" when participating in off-campus activities with an adjunct staff member of the school district. Section 3 of the Student Attendance Handbook states:

(1) The student is participating in an activity that is approved by the local board of school trustees and is under the direction of a member of the professional or paraprofessional staff of the school district, or an adjunct staff member who:

- (A) has a minimum of a bachelor's degree; and
- (B) is eligible for participation in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Montgomery County requests the Extension personnel listed on the enclosed Adjunct Faculty Agreement be awarded adjunct faculty staff member status for the period of time indicated on the agreement. Extension personnel, as ISD adjunct faculty members, will only supervise and be responsible for Texas 4-H members of the district.

I hope Splendora Independent School District will accept this request. Please let me know if you would like to schedule an appointment to discuss the amendment and request or if you need further information.

Thank you and members of the Board of Trustees for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

M. Michelle Mihalek
County Extension Agent-4-H Youth Development
Montgomery County

Attachment: Resolution for Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization

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ADJUNCT FACULTY REQUEST

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF: MONTGOMERY

On this date, at a regularly scheduled and posted meeting, came the Board of Trustees of the Splendora Independent School District, hereinafter referred to as "District." A quorum having been established; the Board proceeded to consider the appointment of the herein named individual(s) as an adjunct member of the Splendora Independent School District.

Upon consideration and vote of _____ in favor, Montgomery County Extension Agents are hereby named as adjunct faculty members of the Splendora Independent School District subject to the following considerations and provisions of such appointment to wit:

1. This appointment shall commence on the 12th day of August 2026 and remain in effect until the 28th day of May 2027.
2. This appointment will include the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service employees listed below:

NAME	TITLE	DEGREE	INSTITUTION	DATE
M. Michelle Mihalek	CEA-4-H Youth Development	M.Ed.	Texas A&M University	May 1994
Brandon Gregson	CEA-Agriculture	M.S.	Sam Houston State University	December 2006
Caroline Cruz	CEA-Family & Consumer Science	B.S.	Sam Houston State University	December 2002
Michael Potter	CEA-Horticulture	M.S.	Texas A&M University	May 2009
Alyssa Sims	CEA-Urban Youth Development	B.S.	Texas A&M University	May 2021

3. Adjunct faculty members will receive no compensation, salary, or remuneration from Splendora Independent School District.
4. Adjunct faculty members are and shall remain an employee, in good standing, of the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service.
5. Adjunct faculty members are and shall remain under the direct supervision of either the District Extension Administrator of District 9 or the Montgomery County Extension Director.
6. Adjunct faculty members shall receive all group insurance benefits, workman's compensation insurance benefits, unemployment insurance, and any and all other plans for the benefit of Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service employees. District shall have no responsibility for any of such benefits or plans.

Adjunct faculty members shall direct the activities and participation of students of the school district in sponsored and approved activities as designated from time to time by adjunct faculty members for which notice shall be given to School District administrative personnel. Adjunct faculty members' activities and participation with students of the School District are directed, supervised, and controlled by and through supervisory personnel of Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service pursuant to the supervisory authority of the District Extension Administrator or County Extension Director. Adjunct faculty members are not the employees of the School District, and School District does not nor shall not supervise, direct or control the activities and/or participation of such Montgomery County Extension Agent(s) who have/has been herein designated as an adjunct faculty member.

This appointment is made by the Independent School District by and through the Board of Trustees of said district for the benefit of allowing voluntary student participation in programs conducted by the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service in recognition of the educational benefits arising from such participation and activities and/or directed by the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service. This appointment is made in accordance with the provisions of Section 129.21 (j)(1) of the Texas Administrative Code authorizing the school to deem such participating students in attendance for foundation school program purposes.

This appointment of the herein named Montgomery County Extension Agent(s), (Extension employee) is/are not intended nor shall be construed as a waiver of any claim or defense of sovereign or governmental immunity from liability now possessed by Splendora Independent School District or any of its employees, agents, officers, and/or board members in the performance of governmental functions.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Splendora Independent School District

By: _____

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY PROCESS

Procedures for securing Academic Eligibility Information and Excused Absences for 4-H Members to participate in 4-H Event or Activity

This procedure applies to ALL 4-H events or activities (competitive or non-competitive) and all 4-H members in public, private, and/or home school that requires a 4-H member to be absent from school. For instance, if a 4-H member is a member of a state planning task force and needs to miss a day of school to participate, the 4-H member would have to be eligible according to the Texas Education Code to be excused from school.

There are two ways a County Extension Office can request academic eligibility for 4-H members. One is on an individual basis using the Declaration of Eligibility Form (Attachment F) for times when only one or two 4-H members may be needing an absence. The second option is for situations when a large number of youths may be needing an excused absence, such as a county or major stock show. The steps below outline how the county office needs to proceed with each of the processes.

BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR	
August/September	County Extension Agents should meet with school officials to determine the steps the agent needs to take to assist 4-H members in obtaining excused absences to participate in 4-H events and to determine eligibility of 4-H members for competitive events.
30 DAYS PRIOR TO ANY 4-H EVENT/ACTIVITY NEEDING ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY CHECKED	
Declaring academic eligibility for small number of 4-H members	1. Ensure that all members needing an excused absence are ACTIVE 4-H members. 2. Complete the County Agent section of the Declaration of Eligibility Form. Provide the form to either the 4-H member and request they submit to the school for completion or have the 4-H parent/guardian complete the first section, return to the County Extension Office and then submit as a group to the respective school campuses. 4-H member then returns completed form back to the County Extension Office within the timeframe given by the office.
Declaring academic eligibility for large number of 4-H members	Extension agents should prepare a document on official letterhead which includes the items listed below and submit to each school/campus requesting eligibility status for each 4-H member. a) Name of 4-H member(s) involved b) School they attend c) Current grade level in school d) Dates of proposed absence(s) e) Name of event f) Educational value g) Chaperone List is returned back to County Extension Office by school/campus.
RESPONSE FROM SCHOOL ON DECLARATION OF ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY	
Eligible	The school should respond to CEA if there are any students who are academically eligible. County Extension Office should follow up with the school/campus if no response is received.
Ineligible	If a 4-H member is academically ineligible for a 4-H competitive event, the agent must notify the 4-H member, their parents and the sponsoring agency, in writing – letter/email (a phone call can also be made but should be followed up with a written notification).

If county Extension faculty and schools develop and agree on procedures they deem more efficient and effective and still ensures 4-H's compliance with the Texas Education Code requirements, they should inform their District Administrator/County Extension Director of the plan to be followed.

DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM INSTRUCTIONS

4-H'ers should complete a separate form for each competitive event/activity in which they plan to participate. The original form should be returned to the county Extension office by the deadline established by the County Extension Office.

NOTE: Schools requiring a copy of this form should make their copy before returning it to the student.

Parent/Guardian Section:

1. Parent/Guardian will select the information requested. It is either:
 - a. Academic eligibility information only. (Used to verify academic eligibility only for 4-H competitive events/activities.), or
 - b. Academic eligibility information and authorization to receive an excused absence from school. (Used to verify academic eligibility as well as receive authorization to receive an excused absence. This would be used for events held during school hours such as stock shows, district, state and national 4-H contests and events, etc.)
2. Complete the date and name of the activity. (Used to notify school officials of exact dates/times a student would be participating in a [4-H] activity or representing 4-H at an event.)
3. Parent/Guardian signature is required. The signature of the parent/guardian confirms that this person is aware of the academic eligibility and excused absence requirements of the Texas Education Code.

County Extension Agent Section:

1. Extension Office will complete this section and certify the youth is a 4-H member and his/her participation in the event.
2. County Extension Agent (with adjunct faculty status) will sign the form.

School Principal/Designee Section:

1. Principal, or designee, will indicate the 4-H members eligibility status, options are:
 - a. Academically eligible to participate
 - b. Not academically eligible to participate
2. The principal, or designee, will indicate whether or not an excused absence will be granted.
3. The principal, or designee, will provide the date being used to determine eligibility.
4. Principal, or designee, will sign and date the form in order to be valid.

4-H family should follow instructions provided by the County Extension Office on returning form to the Extension Office by the given deadline.



Texas 4-H Youth Development Program DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

This form is requested in accordance with the requirement of the Texas Education Code and in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency and local school board policies.
Instructions: Complete one form per activity. The original form should be returned to the County Extension Office.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SECTION

In accordance with 4-H policy, provided by our local Extension office, I respectfully request:
(CHECK ONE)

- ☐ Academic eligibility information only.
- ☐ Academic eligibility information and authorization to receive an excused absence from school.

Date of Activity: _____ Name of Activity: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT SECTION

I hereby certify that _____ is a member of 4-H in _____ County and is scheduled to participate in this activity representing 4-H. He/she will be under the supervision of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service faculty or agency's designated volunteer leader.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR DESIGNEE SECTION

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ I do certify that the student is academically eligible to participate in the above-mentioned activity.
- ☐ I do not certify the student because he/she is **NOT** academically eligible to participate in the above-mentioned activity.

EXCUSED ABSENCE (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ An excused absence will be granted
- ☐ An excused absence will NOT be granted.
- ☐ Does not apply

EDUCATIONAL STATUS (CHECK ONE)

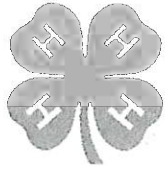
- ☐ Face-to-Face (on campus)
- ☐ Virtual Option
- ☐ Homeschooled

Date used to determine eligibility: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Principal or Designee: _____

Name of School: _____



Montgomery County 4-H

2026-27 Schedule of Major Activities

East Montgomery County Fair	September 11-20, 2026
State Fair of Texas (Dallas)	September 25– October 18, 2026
Heart O' Texas (Waco)	October 8-18, 2026
Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo	January 15 – February 6, 2027
San Antonio Livestock Exposition	February 11-28, 2027
San Angelo Livestock Show	February 3-12, 2027
Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo	March 2 - 21, 2027
Rodeo Austin	March 12-27, 2027
Montgomery County Fair	April 8 – April 18, 2027
District 9 4-H Roundup	April 22-24, 2027

*4-H activities are not limited to above listed. There are many events throughout the year.

RESOLUTION

EXTRACURRICULAR STATUS OF 4-H ORGANIZATION

Be it hereby resolved that upon this date, the duly elected Board of Trustees of the

Splendora Independent School District

meeting in public with a quorum present and certified,
did adopt this resolution that recognizes the

Montgomery

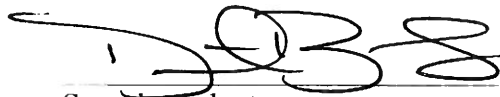
County Texas 4-H Organization as approved for recognition and eligible
for extracurricular status consideration under 19 Texas Administrative Code,
Chapter 76.1, pertaining to extracurricular activities.

Participation by 4-H members under provisions of this resolution are subject
to all rules and regulations set forth under the 19 Texas Administrative Code
as interpreted by this Board and designated officials of this school district.

A local representative of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
will request academic eligibility for all 4-H competitive activities,
regardless if a school absence is or is not required, and
for non-competitive purposes when an absence is required.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Board of Trustee



Superintendent



Splendoria ISD Board of Trustees Agenda Item Information Form

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 10, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Consider the Approval of Contracting 2 School Psychologists and a Deaf Interpreter for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

THIS ITEM RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN PILLAR(S):

Priority 1: Student Outcomes

Priority 4: Professional Learning and Quality Staff

Priority 5: Fiscal & Operational Systems

Priority 6: Safety and Well-Being

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Board Policy CH(LOCAL) states the Board delegates to the Superintendent or designee the authority to make budgeted purchases for goods or services. However, any single, budgeted purchase of goods or services that costs \$50,000 or more, regardless of whether the goods or services are competitively purchased, shall require Board approval before a transaction may take place.

Splendoria ISD has been unable to find and employ school psychologists to fill current openings. Splendoria ISD has also not been able to find and fill a deaf interpreter. Thus, Splendoria will need to contract positions until suitable staff can be hired directly.

Splendoria ISD had approved 5 school psychologist positions for the 26-27 school year. We have determined that we will be able to cover the need with 3 school psychologists for the 26-27 school year with coordinator assistance; however, we only have 1 currently employed with the district.

The need for a deaf interpreter is driven by an ARD committee decision and compliance with state and federal law to support a student in the district to access their education.

The special education department has sought bids from several providers for each of these contracted positions, interviewed qualified candidates, and arrived at the following recommendations:

- ProCare Therapy Candidate: Kimberly Abrams, Cost \$93/hour for approximately 169 days, totaling: \$125,736.

- The Stepping Stones Group Candidate: Nichole Mills, Cost \$90/hour for approximately 169 days, totaling: \$121,680
- Bayou City Interpreting: Deaf Interpreter: \$99,450

Should we find and hire a qualified candidate, we are able to provide 30 days' notice and terminate our agreement for each contract.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees of Splendora Independent School District approve the contracted services positions for the 26-27 school year.

ATTACHMENTS:

BUDGET INFORMATION:

The cost of the contracted services will be more than covered by the 4 unfilled school psychologist positions and the reduction in force of 2 program specialist positions in the Special Education department.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Shannon Wallace, Executive Director of Special Services, William Rhodes, Executive Director of Human Resources

RECOMMENDED MOTION: "I move to approve the contracted service positions for the 26-27 school year."



Splendoria ISD Board of Trustees Agenda Item Information Form

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 10, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Approve the Student Code of Conduct for the 2026-2027 School Year.

THIS ITEM RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN PILLAR(S): N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends that the Board approve the Student Code of Conduct for the 26-27 School Year.

ATTACHMENTS: Student Code of Conduct

 2026-2027 Splendoria ISD Student Code of Conduct.docx

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BUDGET INFORMATION: N/A

RESOURCE PERSONNEL: Superintendent- Dr. Dustin Bromley, Carrie Reed- Deputy Superintendent of Administration, and Aubri Deheck- Director of Student Services

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move to approve the Student Code of Conduct for the 2026-2027 School Year.



**Splendoria Independent School District
Student Code of Conduct
2026-2027 School Year**

**Splendoria Independent School District
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Student Code of Conduct

Accessibility

If you have difficulty accessing the information in this document because of disability, please contact the Director of Communications at communications@splendoraisd.org or 281-689-3128.

Purpose

The Student Code of Conduct (“Code of Conduct”), as required by [Chapter 37](#) of the Texas Education Code, provides methods and options for managing student behavior, preventing and intervening in student discipline problems, and imposing discipline.

The law requires the district to define misconduct that may—or must—result in a range of specific disciplinary consequences, including removal from a regular classroom or campus, out-of-school suspension, placement in a disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP), placement in a juvenile justice alternative education program (JJAEP), or expulsion from school.

This Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Splendora ISD board of trustees and developed with the advice of the district-level planning and decision-making committee. It provides information to parents and students regarding standards of conduct, consequences of misconduct, and procedures for administering discipline. This Code of Conduct remains in effect during summer school and at all school-related events and

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activities outside the school year until the board adopts an updated version for the next school year.

In accordance with state law, the Code of Conduct shall be posted at each school campus or shall be available for review at the campus principal's office. Additionally, the Code of Conduct shall be available at the campus behavior coordinator's office and posted on the district's website. Parents shall be notified of any conduct violation that may result in a student being suspended, placed in a DAEP or JJAEP, expelled, or taken into custody by a law enforcement officer under [Chapter 37](#) of the Education Code.

Not later than the first day of the 2026-2027 school year, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) shall prepare and provide to each school district a report identifying each law relating to school discipline that was amended or added by the 89th Legislature, Regular Session. A school district shall provide to each student and the parent of or person standing in parental relation to the student the prepared report.

Because the Code of Conduct is adopted by the district's board of trustees, it has the force of policy. In the event of a conflict between the Code of Conduct and the Student Handbook, the Code of Conduct shall prevail.

Please note: The discipline of students with disabilities who are eligible for services under federal law ([Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973](#)) is subject to the provisions of those laws.

Splendora ISD Student Code of Conduct

School District Authority and Jurisdiction

School rules and the district's authority to administer discipline apply whenever the interest of the district is involved, on or off school grounds, in conjunction with or independent of classes and school-sponsored activities.

The district has disciplinary authority over a student:

1. During the regular school day;
2. While the student is traveling on district transportation;
3. During lunch periods in which a student is allowed to leave campus;
4. At any school-related activity, regardless of time or location;
5. For any school-related misconduct, regardless of time or location;
6. When retaliation against a school employee, board member, or volunteer occurs or is threatened, regardless of time or location;
7. When a student engages in cyberbullying, as defined by [Education Code 37.0832](#);
8. When criminal mischief is committed on or off school property or at a school-related event;
9. For certain offenses committed within 300 feet of school property as measured from any point on the school's real property boundary line;
10. For certain offenses committed while on school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity of another district in Texas;
11. When the student commits a felony, as provided by [Education Code 37.006](#), [37.007](#), or [37.0081](#); and
12. When the student is required to register as a sex offender.

Campus Behavior Coordinator

As required by law, a single person at each campus must be designated to serve as the campus behavior coordinator (CBC). The designated person may be the principal, or any other campus administrator selected by the principal. Additional staff members may assist the CBC in the performance of the CBC's duties, provided that the CBC personally verifies that all aspects of [Chapter 37, Subchapter A](#) are appropriately implemented. The CBC is primarily responsible for maintaining student discipline. The CBC shall monitor disciplinary referrals and report the following behavior to the campus's threat assessment and safe and supportive school team:

- Conduct that contains the elements of the offense of terroristic threat under [Penal Code 22.07](#);
- Conduct that contains the elements of the offense of unlawfully carrying weapons under [Penal Code 46.02](#);

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- Conduct that contains the elements of the offense of exhibiting, using, or threatening to exhibit or use a firearm under [Education Code 37.125](#); and
- Any concerning student behaviors or behavioral trends that may pose a serious risk of violence to the student or others.

The district shall post on its website and in the Student Handbook, for each campus, the email address and telephone number of the person serving as CBC. Contact information may be found at <https://www.splendoraisd.org/>.

Threat Assessment and Safe and Supportive School Team

The CBC or other appropriate administrator will work closely with the campus threat assessment and safe and supportive school team to implement the district's threat assessment policy and procedures, as required by law, and shall take appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

Searches

District officials may conduct searches of students, their belongings, and their vehicles in accordance with state and federal law and district policy. Searches of students shall be conducted in a reasonable and nondiscriminatory manner. Refer to the district's policies at FNF(LEGAL) and FNF(LOCAL) for more information regarding investigations and searches.

The district has the right to search a vehicle driven to school by a student and parked on school property whenever there is reasonable suspicion to believe it contains articles or materials prohibited by the district.

Desks, lockers, district-provided technology, and similar items are the property of the district and are provided for student use as a matter of convenience. District property is subject to search or inspection at any time without notice.

Reporting Crimes

The principal or CBC and other school administrators as appropriate shall report crimes as required by law and shall call local law enforcement when an administrator suspects that a crime has been committed on campus.

Security Personnel

The board utilizes police officers to ensure the security and protection of students, staff, and property. In accordance with law, the board has coordinated with the CBC and other district employees to ensure appropriate law enforcement duties are assigned to these persons. Provisions addressing the various types of security personnel can be found in the CKE policy series.

The law enforcement duties of Splendora ISD police officers are:

- Enforce Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code.
- Prevent and investigate violations of law that occur on District property, school zones, or at District functions on or off campus.

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- Participate in serving search warrants and arrest warrants in connection with District related investigations.
- Take juveniles into custody as provided by the Family Code.
- Arrest and apprehend suspects consistent with state and federal laws and constitutional standards governing arrest, including arrests without warrants for felonies and breach of the peace that occur in the officer's presence, within the jurisdiction of the District.
- Patrol areas surrounding District buildings and grounds.
- Engage in activities and programs designed to prevent and deter crimes.
- Assist in providing traffic and parking control at District events.
- Enforce violations of law concerning school buses.
- Coordinate and cooperate with all law enforcement agencies.
- Investigate violations of law requested by District officials.
- Participate in judicial hearings.
- Patrol campuses and grounds.
- Respond to crisis situations occurring on campuses.
- Assist school personnel with after-hours functions.
- Stop and identify trespassers on campuses or school property.
- Escort and help school personnel in potentially violent situations.
- Network with other area law enforcement in reference to gangs, substance abuse, and any other programs or information that may help our students reach their educational goals.

"Parent" Defined

Throughout the Code of Conduct and related discipline policies, the term "parent" includes a parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control of the child.

Participating in Graduation Activities

The district has the right to limit a student's participation in graduation activities for violating the district's Code of Conduct.

Participation might include a speaking role, as established by district policy and procedures.

Students eligible to give the opening and closing remarks at graduation shall be notified by the campus principal. Notwithstanding any other eligibility requirements, in order to be considered eligible, a student shall not have engaged in any misconduct that resulted in an out-of-school suspension, removal to a DAEP, or expulsion during the semester immediately preceding graduation.

The valedictorian and salutatorian may also have speaking roles at graduation. No student shall be eligible to have such a speaking role if he or she engaged in any misconduct that resulted in an out-of-school suspension, removal to a DAEP, or expulsion during the semester immediately preceding graduation. [See Restrictions During Placement for information regarding a student assigned to DAEP at the time of graduation.]

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Unauthorized Persons

In accordance with [Education Code 37.105](#), a school administrator or district police officer shall have the authority to refuse entry to or eject a person from district property if the person refuses to leave peaceably on request and:

1. The person poses a substantial risk of harm to any person; or
2. The person behaves in a manner that is inappropriate for a school setting and persists in the behavior after being given a verbal warning that the behavior is inappropriate and may result in refusal of entry or ejection.

Appeals regarding refusal of entry or ejection from district property may be filed in accordance with policies FNG(LOCAL) or GF(LOCAL), as appropriate. However, the timelines for the district's grievance procedures shall be adjusted as necessary to permit the person to address the board in person within 90 calendar days, unless the complaint is resolved before a board hearing.

Standards for Student Conduct

Each student is expected to:

- Demonstrate courtesy, even when others do not.
- Behave in a responsible manner.
- Exercise self-discipline.
- Attend all classes regularly and on time.
- Bring appropriate materials and assignments to class.
- Meet district and campus standards of grooming and dress.
- Obey all campus and classroom rules.
- Respect the rights and privileges of students, teachers, and other 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 Code of Conduct.

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General Conduct Violations

The categories of conduct below are prohibited at school, in vehicles owned or operated by the district, and at all school-related activities, but the list does not include the most severe offenses. In the subsequent sections on In-School Suspension, Out-of-School Suspension, Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) Placement, Placement and/or Expulsion for Certain Offenses, and Expulsion, those offenses that require or permit specific consequences are listed. Any offense, however, may be severe enough to result in Removal from the Regular Educational Setting.

Disregard for Authority

Students shall not:

- Fail to comply with directives given by school personnel.
- Leave school grounds or school-sponsored events without permission.
- Disobey rules for conduct in district vehicles.
- Refuse to accept discipline or consequence assigned by a teacher or principal.

Mistreatment of Others

Students shall not:

- Use profanity or vulgar language or make obscene gestures.
- Fight or scuffle. [See Placement and/or Expulsion for Certain Offenses for assault.]
- Threaten a district student, employee, or volunteer, including off school property if the conduct causes a substantial disruption to the educational environment.
- Engage in any behavior that violates the Student Code of Conduct and is motivated by antisemitism. [See Glossary]
- Engage in bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, or making hit lists. (See Glossary for all four terms.)
- Release or threaten to release intimate visual material of a minor or a student who is 18 years of age or older without the student's consent.
- Engage in sexual or gender-based harassment or sexual abuse, whether by word, gesture, or any other conduct directed toward another person, including a district student, employee, board member, or volunteer.
- Engage in conduct that constitutes dating violence. [See Glossary]
- Engage in inappropriate or indecent exposure of private body parts.
- Participate in hazing. [See Glossary]
- Coerce an individual to act through the use or threat of force.
- Commit extortion or blackmail.

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- Engage in inappropriate verbal, physical, or sexual conduct directed toward another person, including a district student, employee, or volunteer.
- Record the voice or image of another without the prior consent of the individual being recorded or in any way that disrupts the educational environment or invades the privacy of others.

Property Offenses

Students shall not:

- Damage or vandalize property owned by others. [See Placement and/or Expulsion for Certain Offenses for felony criminal mischief.]
- Deface or damage school property, including textbooks, technology and electronic resources, lockers, furniture, and other equipment, with graffiti or by other means.
- Steal from students, staff, or the school.
- Commit or assist in a robbery or theft, even if it does not constitute a felony according to the Penal Code. [See Placement and/or Expulsion for Certain Offenses for felony robbery, aggravated robbery, and theft.]
- Enter, without authorization, district facilities that are not open for operations.

Possession of Prohibited Items

Students shall not possess or use:

- Fireworks of any kind, smoke or stink bombs, or any other pyrotechnic device;
- A razor, box cutter, chain, or any other object used in a way that threatens or inflicts bodily injury to another person;
- A “look-alike” weapon that is intended to be used as a weapon or could reasonably be perceived as a weapon;
- An air gun or BB gun;
- A short barrel firearm;
- Ammunition;
- A hand instrument designed to cut or stab another by being thrown;
- A firearm silencer or suppressor;
- *A location-restricted knife;
- *A club;
- *A firearm;
- A stun gun;
- Knuckles;

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- A pocketknife or any other small knife;
- Mace or pepper spray;
- Pornographic material;
- Tobacco products (including nicotine pouches), cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and any component, part, or accessory for an e-cigarette device;
- Matches or a lighter;
- A laser pointer, unless it is for an approved use; or
- Any articles not generally considered to be weapons, including school supplies, when the principal or designee determines that a danger exists.
- Sell any items while at school

*See Placement and/or Expulsion for Certain Offenses for weapons and firearms. In many circumstances, possession of these items is punishable by mandatory expulsion under federal or state law.

Possession of Personal Communication Devices

Students shall not use a personal communication device, including a cell phone, or other electronic device (means a telephone, cell phone such as a smartphone or flip phone, tablet, smartwatch, radio device, paging device, earbuds, or any other electronic device capable of telecommunication or digital communication) on school property during the school day and shall store the device in accordance with the method of storage established by the district at PK-5 campuses and 6-12 campuses. **Personal Communication Device** means a telephone, cell phone such as a smartphone or flip phone, tablet, smartwatch, radio device, paging device, earbuds or any other electronic device capable of telecommunication or digital communication. [See Glossary]

To promote student engagement, safety, and a distraction-free learning environment, elementary students (**PK-5**) are not permitted to use or carry personal cell phones or electronic devices during the school day. The “school day” is defined as when a student enters the school building (on school premises) and ends when the student exits the building after the dismissal bell. The ban includes classrooms, locker rooms, cafeterias, hallways, passing periods and restrooms.

Policy Requirements:

- All student devices must be turned off or on silent prior to arrival and immediately stored in the student’s backpack.
- Devices must remain stored throughout the school day, including during lunch, recess, and restroom breaks.
- Students may not carry cell phones or any devices on their person (including pockets or clothing) while on school property during school hours.

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Consequences for Violation:

- 1st Offense: Device confiscated; Returned to student at the end of day and parent contact
- 2nd Offense: Device confiscated; Disciplinary referral, lunch detention and returned only to a parent/guardian
- 3rd Offense: Device confiscated; Disciplinary referral, 1 day In School Suspension and returned only to a parent/guardian.
- Repeated violations will result in progressive disciplinary action for insubordination based on the student code of conduct

To maintain an academic environment free of distractions and ensure safety and responsibility, secondary students **(6-12)** are required to follow the district's electronic device policy.

Policy Requirements:

- All student devices must be turned off or on silent prior to arrival and immediately stored in the student's backpack.
- Devices must be stored in the student's backpack or bag at all times during the school day.
- Students may not carry devices on their person (including pockets or clothing) while on school property during school hours.
- Students are not allowed to use their devices during class, passing periods, lunch, or restroom.

Consequences for Violation:

- 1st Offense: Device confiscated; Disciplinary referral, parent contact, and student to retrieve device at the end of the day
- 2nd Offense: Device confiscated; Parent must retrieve; including parent contact to retrieve device, and Administration may use discretion
- 3rd or More: Disciplinary referral; Device confiscated; Progressive disciplinary consequences, including Detention, In-School Suspension (ISS); Potential loss of privilege Parent contact; or Administration may use discretion
- Repeated violations will result in progressive disciplinary action for insubordination based on the student code of conduct

*Note: *If a student refuses to give up their device, the student will receive a disciplinary referral, parent contact, and Saturday School or In-School Suspension (ISS). Administration may use discretion when determining consequences based on severity, context, and student behavior history.*

The parent may pick up the confiscated communications device from the principal's office. Confiscated communications devices that are not retrieved by the student or the

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student's parent will be disposed of after the notice required by law. [See policy FNCE for more information.]

- The district may authorize the use of a personal communication device for the following reasons:
 - To implement an individualized education program (IEP) or for a plan created under [Section 504. Rehabilitation Act of 1973 \(29 U.S.C Section 794\)](#) or a similar program or plan;
 - With documented need based on a directive from a qualified physician; or
 - To comply with a health or safety requirement imposed by law or as part of the district's safety protocols.
 - Some educational programs may require the use of a device. In this case, the device must be approved by district administration.

Inappropriate use of a personal communication device during the school day will result in disciplinary action in accordance with this Code of Conduct. The district is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen communications devices.

Illegal, Prescription, and Over-the-Counter Drugs

Students shall not:

- Possess, use, give, or sell alcohol or an illegal drug. [See Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) Placement and Expulsion for mandatory and permissive consequences under state law.]
- Possess or sell seeds or pieces of marijuana in less than a usable amount.
- Possess, use, give, or sell paraphernalia related to any prohibited substance. [See Glossary for "paraphernalia."]
- Possess, use, abuse, or sell look-alike drugs or attempt to pass items off as drugs or contraband.
- Abuse the student's own prescription drug, give a prescription drug to another student, or possess or be under the influence of another person's prescription drug on school property or at a school-related event. [See Glossary for "abuse."]
- Abuse over-the-counter drugs. [See Glossary for "abuse."]
- Be under the influence of prescription or over-the-counter drugs that cause impairment to body or mind. [See Glossary for "under the influence."]
- Have or take prescription drugs or over-the-counter drugs at school other than as provided by district policy.

Misuse of Technology Resources and the Internet

Students shall not:

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- Violate policies, rules, or agreements signed by the student or the student's parent regarding the use of technology resources.
- Attempt to access or circumvent passwords or other security-related information of the district, students, or employees or upload or create computer viruses, including off school property if the conduct causes a substantial disruption to the educational environment.
- Attempt to alter, destroy, or disable district technology resources including, but not limited to, computers and related equipment, district data, the data of others, or other networks connected to the district's system, including off school property if the conduct causes a substantial disruption to the educational environment.
- Use the internet or other electronic communications to threaten or harass district students, employees, board members, or volunteers, including off school property if the conduct causes a substantial disruption to the educational environment or infringes on the rights of another student at school.
- Send, post, deliver, or possess electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal, including cyberbullying and "sexting," either on or off school property, if the conduct causes a substantial disruption to the educational environment or infringes on the rights of another student at school.
- Use the internet or other electronic communication to engage in or encourage illegal behavior or threaten school safety, including off school property if the conduct causes a substantial disruption to the educational environment or infringes on the rights of another student at school.
- Utilize artificial intelligence in a way that would constitute academic dishonesty or as a means of engaging in any other prohibited conduct.

Safety Transgressions

Students shall not:

- Possess published or electronic material that is designed to promote or encourage illegal behavior or that could threaten school safety.
- Engage in verbal (oral or written) exchanges that threaten the safety of another student, a school employee, or school property.
- Make false accusations or perpetrate hoaxes regarding school safety.
- Engage in any conduct that school officials might reasonably believe will substantially disrupt the school program or incite violence.
- Throw objects that can cause bodily injury or property damage.
- Discharge a fire extinguisher without valid cause.
- Impair or damage a door from properly closing.
- Allow entrance into a campus of an unauthorized person.

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Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. The purpose of the Splendora Independent School District dress code is to create and maintain an atmosphere that is conducive to learning. Having standards for acceptable behavior and appearance fosters responsibility and prepares students for real world expectations. The administration and faculty shall have the right to appraise any current fashion or fad and determine whether it is appropriate for school wear. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

Apparel (Pants, Slacks, skirts, etc.):

- Pants, slacks must be worn at the waist.
- Pants may not be made of inappropriately form fitting materials and may not be pajamas.
- Pants with holes or tears above mid-thigh are not permitted unless they are worn over leggings or tights. Determinations regarding appropriateness are subject to principal discretion.
- Hemlines of skirts, dress slits, dresses, shorts, and divided skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh when standing and should be visible at all times. Shorts worn underneath skirts or dresses must remain covered and should not be visible. Determinations regarding appropriateness are subject to principal discretion.
- Leggings, spandex, and tights may be worn if covered by a shirt, blouse, skirt and/or shorts that are mid-thigh or longer.

Apparel (Shirts, Hoodies, Blouses, etc.)

- Shirts with spaghetti straps, halter tops, sleeveless garments, transparent, or those that expose the bare chest are not permitted. Tank tops are allowable, if the straps measure at least two inches in width.
- Shirts with ripped sleeves and backless apparel are prohibited.
- Hoodies will be permitted but the hood may not be worn over the head.
- Any shirt that displays undergarments and/or torso is prohibited.
- Necklines that are excessively revealing or expose excessive cleavage are not permitted. Determinations regarding appropriateness are subject to principal discretion.
- Students must be fully clothed with no bare midriff showing when the student goes through normal activities of the school day (bending, stretching, reaching, etc)

Apparel (General/Miscellaneous)

- No article of clothing will display vulgar or inappropriate language, violence or obscenities of any kind.
- No article of clothing will refer to or advertise tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, narcotics, and any other prohibited substances.
- Pajamas/Sleepwear, including blankets and pillows, will not be permitted with the

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exception of dress up days designated and approved by campus administration.

- Appropriate undergarments must be worn and should not be visible.

Footwear:

- Proper footwear must be worn at all times for health and safety reasons.
- Cleated shoes and wheeled shoes are prohibited.
- Rubber/leather soled shoes are recommended for daily footwear.
- House shoes and/or slippers are prohibited.
- Platform soles over 1 inch high are not recommended.
- Tennis shoes are required for participation in Physical Education class.

Hair

- Hair must be neat, clean and well groomed. A student's eyes should be visible.
- Hair color and style may not be distracting, conspicuous or pose a safety hazard.
- Facial hair, while allowed, must be neatly trimmed, well groomed, and a natural color.

Jewelry:

- Students may wear earrings and facial piercings, provided they do not create a disruption or distraction to the educational environment. Determinations regarding the appropriateness of facial piercings are subject to principal discretion.
- Gauges and spacers are permitted; however, they must not create a disruption or distraction to the learning environment. Determinations regarding appropriateness and acceptability are subject to principal discretion.
- Jewelry that is considered gang related and/or considered to be a safety hazard or material or is a substantial disruption is not permitted.
- Students may be asked to remove jewelry, earrings etc. if the principal or assistant principals feel they are a distraction or a safety issue.

Accessories:

- Face masks may only be worn with prior approval from the principal.
- Any hats, caps, sport headbands, bandanas, headcovers or scarves shall not be worn indoors except in the interest of religious practices, safety, cleanliness, or with the permission of the principal.
- Sunglasses, unless prescribed by doctor's orders, are not to be worn in the building
- Tattoos, accessories, jewelry and clothing that contain vulgar or inappropriate pictures, works or drawings, or gang related markings are not permitted.

The principal or designee will make the final determination that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code. If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension.

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for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Any student refusing to change will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day as well as incur the appropriate consequence.

Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Miscellaneous Offenses

Students shall not:

- Violate dress and grooming standards as communicated in the Student Handbook.
- Engage in academic dishonesty, which includes cheating or copying the work of another student, unauthorized use of artificial intelligence, plagiarism, and unauthorized communication between students during an examination.
- Gamble.
- Falsify records, passes, or other school-related documents.
- Engage in actions or demonstrations that substantially disrupt or materially interfere with school activities.
- Repeatedly violate other communicated campus or classroom standards of conduct.

The district may impose campus or classroom rules in addition to those found in the Code of Conduct. These rules may be posted in classrooms or given to the student and may or may not constitute violations of the Code of Conduct.

Discipline Management Techniques

Discipline shall be designed to improve conduct and encourage students to be responsible members of the school community. Disciplinary action shall draw on the professional judgment of teachers and administrators and on a range of discipline management techniques, including CHAMPS, Capturing Kids' Hearts, or additional restorative practices. Discipline shall be based on the seriousness of the offense, the student's age and grade level, the frequency of misbehavior, the student's attitude, the effect of the misconduct on the school environment, and statutory requirements.

First-Time Offense of Possession or Use of Nicotine Delivery Product or E-Cigarette

An appropriate administrator may place a student in a disciplinary alternative education program for the first-time offense of possession or use of a nicotine delivery product or e-cigarette, as defined by [Section 161.081, Health and Safety Code](#).

If a student who possesses or uses an e-cigarette is not placed in a disciplinary alternative education program for the first-time offense under [Education Code 37.008](#),

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the student shall be placed in in-school suspension for a period of at least 10 school days.

Students with Disabilities

The discipline of students with disabilities is subject to applicable state and federal law in addition to the Code of Conduct. In the event of any conflict, the district shall comply with federal law. For more information regarding discipline of students with disabilities, see policy FOF(LEGAL).

In accordance with the [Education Code](#), a student who receives special education services may not be disciplined in a manner that results in a change to the student's educational placement for conduct meeting the definition of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, or making hit lists [see Glossary] until an Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) committee meeting has been held to review the conduct.

In deciding whether to order suspension, DAEP placement, or expulsion, regardless of whether the action is mandatory or discretionary, the district shall take into consideration a disability that substantially impairs the student's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student's conduct.

Techniques

The following discipline management techniques may be used alone, in combination, or as part of progressive interventions for behavior prohibited by the Code of Conduct or by campus or classroom rules:

- Verbal correction, oral or written.
- Cooling-off time or a brief "time-out" period, in accordance with law.
- Seating changes within the classroom or vehicles owned or operated by the district.
- Temporary confiscation of items that disrupt the educational process.
- Rewards or demerits.
- Behavioral contracts.
- Counseling by teachers, school counselors, or administrative personnel.
- Parent-teacher conferences.
- Behavior coaching.
- Anger management classes.
- Mediation (victim-offender).
- Classroom circles.
- Family group conferencing.
- Grade reductions for cheating, plagiarism, and as otherwise permitted by policy.

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- Detention, including outside regular school hours.
- Sending the student to the office, another assigned area, or to in-school suspension (ISS).
- Assignment of school duties, such as cleaning or picking up litter.
- Withdrawal of privileges, such as participation in extracurricular activities, eligibility for seeking and holding honorary offices, or membership in school-sponsored clubs and organizations.
- Penalties identified in student organizations' extracurricular standards of behavior.
- Restriction or revocation of district transportation privileges.
- School-assessed and school-administered probation.
- Corporal punishment, unless the student's parent or guardian has provided a signed statement prohibiting its use.
- In-school suspension, as specified in In-School Suspension.
- Out-of-school suspension, as specified in Out-of-School Suspension.
- Placement in a DAEP, as specified in Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) Placement.
- Expulsion and/or placement in an alternative educational setting, as specified in Placement and/or Expulsion for Certain Offenses.
- Expulsion, as specified in Expulsion.
- Referral to an outside agency or legal authority for criminal prosecution in addition to disciplinary measures imposed by the district.
- Other strategies and consequences as determined by school officials.

Prohibited Aversive Techniques

Aversive techniques are prohibited for use with students and are defined as techniques or interventions intended to reduce the reoccurrence of a behavior by intentionally inflicting significant physical or emotional discomfort or pain. Aversive techniques include:

- Using techniques designed or likely to cause physical pain, other than corporal punishment as permitted by district policy. [See policy FO(LOCAL)]
- Using techniques designed or likely to cause physical pain by electric shock or any procedure involving pressure points or joint locks.
- Directed release of noxious, toxic, or unpleasant spray, mist, or substance near a student's face.
- Denying adequate sleep, air, food, water, shelter, bedding, physical comfort, supervision, or access to a restroom facility.

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- Ridiculing or demeaning a student in a manner that adversely affects or endangers the learning or mental health of the student or constitutes verbal abuse.
- Employing a device, material, or object that immobilizes all four of a student's extremities, including prone or supine floor restraint.
- Impairing the student's breathing, including applying pressure to the student's torso or neck or placing something in, on, or over the student's mouth or nose or covering the student's face.
- Restricting the student's circulation.
- Securing the student to a stationary object while the student is standing or sitting.
- Inhibiting, reducing, or hindering the student's ability to communicate.
- Using chemical restraints.
- Using time-out in a manner that prevents the student from being able to be involved in and progress appropriately in the required curriculum or any applicable individualized education program (IEP) goals, including isolating the student using physical barriers.
- Depriving the student of one or more of the student's senses, unless the technique does not cause the student discomfort or complies with the student's IEP or behavior intervention plan (BIP).

Notification

The CBC shall promptly notify a student's parent by phone or in person of any violation that may result in in-school or out-of-school suspension, placement in a DAEP, placement in a JJAEP, or expulsion. The CBC shall also notify a student's parent if the student is taken into custody by a law enforcement officer under the disciplinary provisions of [Education Code 37.0012\(d\)](#).

A good-faith effort shall be made to provide written notice of the disciplinary action to the student, on the day the action was taken, for delivery to the student's parent. If the parent has not been reached by telephone or in person by 5:00 p.m. of the first business day after the day the disciplinary action was taken, the CBC shall send written notification by U.S. Mail. If the CBC is not able to provide notice to the parent, the principal or designee shall provide the notice.

Before the principal or appropriate administrator assigns a student under age 18 to detention outside regular school hours, notice shall be given to the student's parent to inform him or her of the reason for the detention and permit arrangements for necessary transportation.

Parental Involvement

The district has not adopted a policy for parental involvement in school disciplinary placements under [Education Code 37.0014](#).

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Appeals

Questions from parents regarding disciplinary measures should be addressed to the teacher, campus administration, or CBC, as appropriate. Appeals or complaints regarding the use of specific discipline management techniques should be addressed in accordance with policy FNG(LOCAL). A copy of this policy may be obtained from the central administration office or online at <https://www.splendoraisd.org>.

The district shall not delay a disciplinary consequence while a student or parent pursues a grievance. In the instance of a student who is accused of conduct that meets the definition of sexual harassment as defined by Title IX, the district will comply with applicable federal law, including the Title IX formal complaint process. [See policies FFH(LEGAL) and (LOCAL)]

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Removal from the School Bus

The district makes school bus transportation available to all students living two or more miles from school and to any eligible students who are experiencing homelessness. This service is provided at no cost to students. Families living within the boundary or their assigned residential neighborhood are responsible for arranging transportation.

Bus routes and stops will be designated annually. Any changes will be posted at the school and on the district's website. For the safety of the driver and all passengers, students must board district vehicles only at authorized stops and drivers must unload passengers only at authorized stops.

A parent may designate a child-care facility or grandparent's residence as the regular pickup and drop-off location for their child. The designated location must be an approved stop on an approved route. For information on bus routes and stops or to designate an alternate pickup or drop-off location, contact Transportation Services at 281-689-4322.

Students are expected to assist district staff in ensuring that buses and other district vehicles are clean and safe. When riding in district vehicles, students are held to behavioral standards established in this handbook and the Student Code of Conduct. Students must:

- Follow all directions given by the school bus driver or other authorized school personnel promptly and respectfully.
- Observe the same standards of behavior required in the classroom and comply with all District rules while riding the bus or waiting at the bus stop.
- Cooperate with the bus driver and identify yourself by providing your name and student ID number when requested.
- Arrive at your designated bus stop at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled pickup time and be ready to board. Students must ride only their assigned bus and enter and exit only at their assigned stop unless prior approval has been granted by the District.
- Board and exit the bus in an orderly manner. Never run after a bus once it has begun moving.
- Remain properly seated in your assigned seat or designated area while the bus is in motion. If equipped, students are required to wear the three-point seat belt at all times while the bus is moving.
- Wait for the driver's signal before crossing in front of the bus after exiting.
- Keep aisles, emergency exits, rear decks, and evacuation routes clear at all times. Feet, legs, backpacks, books, instrument cases, and other personal belongings must not obstruct walkways or exits.

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- Keep all parts of your body and all objects inside the bus at all times. Do not throw, extend, or hold any object inside or outside the bus windows.
- Open bus windows only with the driver's permission.
- Use respectful and appropriate language. Profanity, abusive, threatening, derogatory, or inappropriate language or gestures are prohibited.
- Conduct yourself in a safe, respectful, and courteous manner toward the driver, other students, and school property at all times.
- Eating and drinking are prohibited on the bus. Students are expected to help keep the bus clean by disposing of trash properly and respecting District property.
- Do not tamper with or use emergency doors, windows, exits, controls, safety equipment, or the driver's area except during an actual emergency or when directed by the driver.
- In the event of an emergency, follow the driver's instructions immediately and evacuate the bus in an orderly manner when directed.
- Electronic devices may be used only in accordance with the District's Responsible Use Guidelines. Headphones are required when audio is played, and device use must not distract the driver or interfere with the safe operation of the bus.
- Students may bring only items that can be safely transported and stored without blocking aisles or exits. Hazardous or prohibited items—including, but not limited to, firearms, weapons, flammable materials, aerosol containers, sharp objects, breakable containers, animals (except ADA service animals), cologne/perfume, or any item that could endanger passengers or interfere with safe operation of the bus—are not permitted. Large or bulky items require prior approval from the bus driver.
- Students are responsible for any intentional or negligent damage to a school bus or its equipment. Parents or guardians may be required to reimburse Splendora ISD for the actual cost of repairs. Bus riding privileges may be suspended until restitution has been made.
- Students must comply with any additional safety instructions or reasonable rules established by the bus driver or the District that are necessary for the safe and orderly operation of school transportation.

Bus Referral Matrix (Restitution for damages may be required for any applicable offense.)

Infraction	# of Offense	Discipline	Notes/Comments
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Minor Infractions (not staying in seat, talking loudly, profanity, seat belt, etc)	1st offense	Warning with documentation	Student signs a documentation sheet stating they received a warning, if they refuse to sign it is a referral to the campus.
	2nd offense	Warning and Parent phone call (documented)	Parent phone call is documented on the documentation sheet.
	3rd offense	Warning Parent phone call (documented)	Documentation of the parent contact will be provided to the campus in the form of an email from an authorized Transportation Department administrator. The email should be attached to the bus driver's first campus discipline referral.
Major infractions (interferes with the safety of the student, other students or the operation of the bus)	1st offense	Referral to campus	Campus handles as they see fit; notify transportation and parent. Can result in after school detention, lunch detention, etc.
	2nd offense	Discipline handled as if occurred at school	In school suspension, Parent meeting, etc.
	3rd offense	Removal from bus (3 days)	When removing a student from the bus, notify transportation and parent.
	4 + offense	Removal from bus (5 days, 10 days, 30 days, rest of semester)	When removing a student from the bus, notify transportation and parent.

Misconduct will be punished in accordance with the Bus Referral Matrix and the Student Code of Conduct, including loss of the privilege to ride in a district vehicle.

Removal From the Bus

The District's primary responsibility in transporting students in District vehicles is to do so as safely as possible, the operator of the vehicle must focus on driving and not have his or her attention distracted by student misbehavior. Therefore, when appropriate disciplinary management techniques fail to improve student behavior or when specific misconduct warrants immediate removal, the principal, campus behavior coordinator or transportation behavior coordinators (or designee) may restrict or revoke a student's transportation privileges, in accordance with law.

District policy requires a responsible person (parent/guardian or designee) be present at the bus stop to receive their Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, First grade and Second grade students. Should no one be present at the bus stop, the student will be returned to the transportation 26271 FM 2090, 281-689-4322, where it will be the parent's

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responsibility to pick them up. The parent does have the option to request in writing for the student to exit the bus without a parent or guardian on site.

[See the Student Code of Conduct for provisions regarding transportation to the DAEP.]

Removal from the Regular Educational Setting

In addition to other discipline management techniques, misconduct may result in removal from the regular educational setting in the form of a routine referral or a formal removal.

Routine Referral

A routine referral occurs when a teacher sends a student to the CBC's office as a discipline management technique. The CBC shall employ alternative discipline management techniques, including progressive interventions. A teacher or administrator may remove a student from class for behavior that violates this Code of Conduct to maintain effective discipline in the classroom.

Formal Teacher Removal

A teacher may initiate a formal removal from class if:

1. A student's behavior repeatedly interferes with the teacher's ability to teach the class or with other students' ability to learn.
2. A student demonstrates behavior that is unruly, disruptive, or abusive toward the teacher, another adult, or another student in the classroom.
3. A student engages in conduct that constitutes bullying, as defined by [Education Code 37.0832.0](#).

A teacher, CBC, or other appropriate administrator must notify a parent or person standing in parental relation to the student of the formal removal. A teacher may remove a student from class based on a single incident of behavior.

Within three school days of the formal removal, the CBC or appropriate administrator shall schedule a conference with the student's parent, the student, the teacher who removed the student from class, and any other appropriate administrator.

At the conference, the CBC or appropriate administrator shall inform the student of the alleged misconduct and the proposed consequences. The student shall have an opportunity to respond to the allegations.

When a student is removed from the regular classroom by a teacher and a conference is pending, the CBC or other administrator may place the student in:

- Another appropriate classroom.
- ISS.
- Out-of-school suspension.
- DAEP.

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A teacher or administrator must remove a student from class if the student engages in behavior that under the [Education Code](#) requires or permits the student to be placed in a DAEP or expelled. When removing for those reasons, the procedures in the subsequent sections on DAEP or expulsion shall be followed.

Returning a Student to the Classroom

A student who has been formally removed from class by a teacher for conduct against the teacher containing the elements of assault, aggravated assault, sexual assault, or aggravated sexual assault may not be returned to the teacher's class without the teacher's written consent.

A student who has been formally removed by a teacher for any other conduct may not be returned to the teacher's class without the teacher's written consent unless the placement review committee determines that the teacher's class is the best or only alternative, and not later than the third class day after the day the student was removed from class, a conference in which the teacher was provided an opportunity to participate has been held. The student may not be returned to the teacher's class unless the teacher provides written consent for the student's return or a return to class plan has been prepared for that student.

Appeals of Formal Teacher Removals

A student may appeal the teacher's removal of the student from class to the school's placement review committee or the campus's threat assessment and safe and supportive school team, in accordance with a district policy providing for such an appeal to be made to this team.

In-School Suspension

An in-school suspension is not subject to any time limit.

A school's principal or other appropriate administrator shall review the in-school suspension of a student at least once every 10 school days after the date of the suspension begins to evaluate the educational progress of the student and to determine if continued in-school suspension is appropriate.

During in-school suspension, a student shall receive appropriate behavioral support services and comparable educational services as the student would receive in the classroom. If the student receives special education services, the student must continue to receive special education and related services specified in the student's individualized education program (IEP) and continue to have an opportunity to progress in the general curriculum.

[See First-Time Offense of Possession or Use of Nicotine Delivery Product or E-Cigarette for limitations to the general rule.]

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Process

Before being suspended, a student shall have an informal conference with the CBC or appropriate administrator, who shall inform the student of the alleged misconduct and give the student an opportunity to respond to the allegation before the administrator makes a decision.

The CBC shall determine the number of days of a student's suspension.

In deciding whether to order in-school suspension, the CBC shall take into consideration:

1. Self-defense [see Glossary];
2. Intent or lack of intent at the time the student engaged in the conduct;
3. The student's disciplinary history;
4. A disability that substantially impairs the student's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student's conduct;
5. A student's status in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (foster care); or
6. A student's status as homeless.

The appropriate administrator shall determine any restrictions on participation in school-sponsored or school-related extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

Out-of-School Suspension

Misconduct

Students may be suspended for behavior listed in the Code of Conduct as a general conduct violation, DAEP offense, or expellable offense.

The district shall not use out-of-school suspension for students below grade 3 unless the conduct meets the requirements established in law.

A student below grade 3 or a student who is homeless shall not be placed in out-of-school suspension unless, while on school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property, the student engages in:

- Conduct that contains the elements of a weapons offense, as provided in [Penal Code sections 46.02 or 46.05](#);
- Conduct that threatens the immediate health and safety of other students in the classroom;
- Documented conduct that results in repeated or significant disruption to the classroom; or

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- Selling, giving, or delivering to another person or possessing, using, or being under the influence of any amount of marijuana, an alcoholic beverage, or a controlled substance or dangerous drug as defined by federal or state law.

The district shall use a positive behavior program as a disciplinary alternative for students below grade 3 who commit general conduct violations instead of suspension or placement in a DAEP. The program shall meet the requirements of law.

Process

State law allows a student to be assigned to out-of-school suspension for no more than three school days per behavior violation, with no limit on the number of times a student may be suspended in a semester or school year.

Before being suspended a student shall have an informal conference with the CBC or appropriate administrator, who shall inform the student of the alleged misconduct and give the student an opportunity to respond to the allegation before the administrator makes a decision.

The CBC shall determine the number of days of a student's suspension, not to exceed three school days.

In deciding whether to order out-of-school suspension, the CBC shall take into consideration:

1. Self-defense [see Glossary];
2. Intent or lack of intent at the time the student engaged in the conduct;
3. The student's disciplinary history;
4. A disability that substantially impairs the student's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student's conduct;
5. A student's status in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (foster care); or
6. A student's status as homeless.

The appropriate administrator shall determine any restrictions on participation in school-sponsored or school-related extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

Alternative Assignment

A parent or person standing in parental relation to the student may submit a written request to the principal or other appropriate administrator to reassign a student placed in out-of-school suspension. The parent or person standing in parental relation to the student must provide information and documentation that they are unable to provide suitable supervision for the student during school hours during the period of the suspension. It is the sole discretion of the principal or other appropriate administrator to reassign the student placed in out-of-school suspension.

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Coursework During Suspension

The district shall ensure a student receives access to coursework for foundation curriculum courses while the student is placed in in-school or out-of-school suspension, including at least one method of receiving this coursework that doesn't require the use of the internet.

A student removed from the regular classroom to ISS or another setting, other than a DAEP, will have an opportunity before the beginning of the next school year to complete each course the student was enrolled in at the time of removal. The district may provide the opportunity by any method available, including a correspondence course, another distance learning option, or summer school. The district will not charge the student for any method of completion provided by the district.

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Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) Placement

The DAEP shall be provided in a setting other than the student's regular classroom. An elementary school student may not be placed in a DAEP with a student who is not an elementary school student.

For purposes of DAEP, elementary classification shall be kindergarten-grade 5 and secondary classification shall be grades 6-12.

Summer programs provided by the district shall serve students assigned to a DAEP in conjunction with other students.

A student who is expelled for an offense that otherwise would have resulted in a DAEP placement does not have to be placed in a DAEP in addition to the expulsion.

In deciding whether to place a student in a DAEP, regardless of whether the action is mandatory or discretionary, the CBC shall take into consideration:

1. Self-defense [see Glossary];
2. Intent or lack of intent at the time the student engaged in the conduct;
3. The student's disciplinary history;
4. A disability that substantially impairs the student's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student's conduct;
5. A student's status in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (foster care); or
6. A student's status as homeless.

Discretionary Placement: Misconduct That May Result in DAEP Placement

A student may be placed in a DAEP for behaviors prohibited in the General Conduct Violations section of this Code of Conduct.

Misconduct Identified in State Law

In accordance with state law, a student **may** be placed in a DAEP for any of the following offenses:

- Engaging in bullying that encourages a student to die by suicide.
- Inciting violence against a student through group bullying.
- Releasing or threatening to release intimate visual material of a minor or of a student who is 18 years of age or older without the student's consent.
- Involvement in a public school fraternity, sorority, or secret society, or gang including participating as a member or pledge, or soliciting another person to become a pledge or member of a public school fraternity, sorority, secret society, or gang. [see Glossary]
- Involvement in criminal street gang activity. [see Glossary]

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- Criminal mischief, not punishable as a felony.
- Assault (no bodily injury) with threat of imminent bodily injury.
- Assault by offensive or provocative physical contact.
- Engages in conduct that contains the elements of the offense of disruptive activities under [Education Code 37.123](#).
- Engages in conduct that contains the elements of the offense of disruption of classes under [Education Code 37.124](#).
- Possesses or uses an e-cigarette, as defined by [Section 161.081, Health and Safety Code](#), except that if a student who possesses or uses an e-cigarette is not placed in a disciplinary alternative education program for the first-time offense under [Education Code 37.008](#), the student shall be placed in in-school suspension for a period of at least 10 school days. See First-Time Offense of Possession or Use of Nicotine Delivery Product or E-Cigarette for additional information.

In accordance with state law, a student **may** be placed in a DAEP if the superintendent or the superintendent's designee has reasonable belief [see Glossary] that the student engaged in conduct punishable as a felony that occurs off school property and not at a school-sponsored or school-related event, if the student's presence in the regular classroom threatens the safety of other students or teachers or will be detrimental to the educational process. Aggravated robbery or felonies listed as offenses in Title 5 [see Glossary] of the Penal Code are punishable as mandatory expulsions.

The CBC **may** place a student in a DAEP for off-campus conduct for which DAEP placement is required by state law if the administrator does not have knowledge of the conduct before the first anniversary of the date the conduct occurred.

Mandatory Placement: Misconduct That Requires DAEP Placement

A student **must** be placed in a DAEP if the student:

- Engages in conduct relating to a false alarm or report (including a bomb threat) or a terroristic threat involving a public school. [see Glossary]
 - Commits the following offenses on school property, within 300 feet of school property as measured from any point on the school's real property boundary line, or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property:
 - Engages in conduct punishable as a felony.
 - Commits an assault [see Glossary] under [Penal Code 22.01\(a\)\(1\)](#).
 - Except as provided by [Education Code 37.007\(a\)\(3\)](#), sells, gives, or delivers to another person or possesses, uses, or is under the influence of a controlled substance or dangerous drug in an amount not constituting a felony offense. [School-related felony drug offenses are addressed in

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Expulsion.] [See Glossary for "under the influence," "controlled substance," and "dangerous drug."]

- Sells, gives, or delivers to another person or possesses, uses, or is under the influence of marijuana or THC. A student with a valid prescription for low-THC cannabis as authorized by [Chapter 487 of the Health and Safety Code](#) does not violate this provision.
- Sells, gives, or delivers to another person an alcoholic beverage; commits a serious act or offense while under the influence of alcohol; or possesses, uses, or is under the influence of alcohol.
- Behaves in a manner that contains the elements of an offense relating to abusable volatile chemicals.
- Sells, gives, or delivers to another person an e-cigarette, as defined by [Section 161.081, Health and Safety Code](#).
- Behaves in a manner that contains the elements of the offense of public lewdness or indecent exposure. [see Glossary]
- Engages in conduct that contains the elements of an offense of harassment against an employee under [Penal Code sections 42.07\(a\)\(1\), \(2\), \(3\), or \(7\)](#).
- Engages in expellable conduct and is six to nine years of age.
- Commits a federal firearms violation and is younger than six years of age.
- Engages in conduct that contains the elements of the offense of retaliation under [Penal Code 36.06](#) against any school employee or volunteer on or off school property.
- Engages in conduct that contains the elements of harassment under [Penal Code 42.07](#) against any school employee or volunteer on or off of school property.

The student receives deferred prosecution [see Glossary], or a court or jury finds that the student has engaged in delinquent conduct [see Glossary], or the superintendent or designee has a reasonable belief [see Glossary] under [Section 53.03, Family Code](#), for conduct defined as any of the following offenses under the Penal Code:

1. A felony offense under [Title 5](#);
2. The offense of deadly conduct under [Section 22.05](#);
3. The felony offense of aggravated robbery under [Section 29.03](#);
4. The offense of disorderly conduct involving a firearm under [Section 42.01\(a\)\(7\) or \(8\)](#); or
5. The offense of unlawfully carrying weapons under [Section 46.02](#), except for an offense punishable as a Class C misdemeanor under that section.

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Sexual Assault and Campus Assignments

A student shall be transferred to another campus if:

- The student has been convicted of continuous sexual abuse of a young child or disabled individual or convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication for sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault against another student on the same campus; and
- The victim's parent or another person with the authority to act on behalf of the victim requests that the board transfer the offending student to another campus.

If there is no other campus in the district serving the grade level of the offending student, the offending student shall be transferred to a DAEP.

Process

Removals to a DAEP shall be made by the CBC.

Conference

When a student is removed from class for a DAEP offense, the CBC or appropriate administrator shall schedule a conference within three school days with the student's parent, the student, and, in the case of a teacher removal, the teacher.

At the conference, the CBC or appropriate administrator shall provide the student:

- Information, orally or in writing, of the reasons for the removal;
- An explanation of the basis for the removal; and
- An opportunity to respond to the reasons for the removal.

Following valid attempts to require attendance, the district may hold the conference and make a placement decision regardless of whether the student or the student's parents attend the conference.

Consideration of Mitigating Factors

In deciding whether to place a student in a DAEP, regardless of whether the action is mandatory or discretionary, the CBC shall take into consideration:

1. Self-defense [see Glossary];
2. Intent or lack of intent at the time the student engaged in the conduct;
3. The student's disciplinary history;
4. A disability that substantially impairs the student's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student's conduct;
5. A student's status in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (foster care); or
6. A student's status as homeless.

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Placement Order

After the conference, if the student is placed in a DAEP, the CBC shall write a placement order. A copy of the DAEP placement order and information for the parent or person standing in parental relation to the student regarding the process for requesting a full individual and initial evaluation of the student for purposes of special education services shall be sent to the student and the student's parent.

Not later than the second business day after the conference, the board's designee shall deliver to the juvenile court a copy of the placement order and all information required by [Section 52.04 of the Family Code](#).

If the student is placed in a DAEP and the length of placement is inconsistent with the guidelines included in this Code of Conduct, the placement order shall give notice of the inconsistency.

DAEP at Capacity

If a DAEP is at capacity at the time the CBC is deciding placement for conduct related to marijuana, THC, an e-cigarette, alcohol, or an abusable volatile chemical, the student shall be placed in ISS then transferred to a DAEP for the remainder of the period if space becomes available before the expiration of the period of the placement.

If a DAEP is at capacity at the time the CBC is deciding placement for a student who engaged in violent conduct, a student placed in a DAEP for conduct related to marijuana, THC, an e-cigarette, alcohol, or an abusable volatile chemical may be placed in ISS to make a position in the DAEP available for the student who engaged in violent conduct. If a position becomes available in a DAEP before the expiration of the period of the placement for the student removed, the student shall be returned to a DAEP for the remainder of the period.

Coursework Notice

The parent or guardian of a student placed in DAEP shall be given written notice of the student's opportunity to complete, at no cost to the student, a foundation curriculum course in which the student was enrolled at the time of removal, and which is required for graduation. The notice shall include information regarding all methods available for completing the coursework.

Length of Placement

The CBC shall determine the duration of a student's placement in a DAEP.

The duration of a student's placement shall be determined case by case based on the seriousness of the offense, the student's age and grade level, the frequency of misconduct, the student's attitude, and statutory requirements.

The maximum period of DAEP placement shall be one calendar year, except as provided below.

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Unless otherwise specified in the placement order, days absent from a DAEP shall not count toward fulfilling the total number of days required in a student's DAEP placement order.

The district shall administer the required pre- and post-assessments for students assigned to DAEP for a period of 90 days or longer in accordance with established district administrative procedures for administering other diagnostic or benchmark assessments.

Exceeds One Year

Placement in a DAEP may exceed one year when a review by the district determines that the student is a threat to the safety of other students or to district employees.

The statutory limitations on the length of a DAEP placement do not apply to a placement resulting from the board's decision to place a student who engaged in the sexual assault of another student so that the students are not assigned to the same campus.

Exceeds School Year

Students who are in a DAEP placement at the end of one school year may be required to continue that placement at the start of the next school year to complete the assigned term of placement.

For placement in a DAEP to extend beyond the end of the school year, the CBC or the board's designee must determine that:

1. The student's presence in the regular classroom or campus presents a danger of physical harm to the student or others; or
2. The student has engaged in serious or persistent misbehavior [see Glossary] that violates the district's Code of Conduct.

Exceeds 60 Days

For placement in a DAEP to extend beyond 60 days or the end of the next grading period, whichever is sooner, a student's parent shall be given notice and the opportunity to participate in a proceeding before the board or the board's designee.

Appeals

Questions from parents regarding disciplinary measures should be addressed to the campus administration.

Student or parent appeals regarding a student's placement in a DAEP should be addressed in accordance with policy FNG(LOCAL). A copy of this policy may be obtained from the central administration office or online at <https://pol.tasb.org/PolicyOnline/PolicyDetails?key=913&code=FNG#localTabContent>.

Appeals shall begin at the Level One Complaint Process with the campus principal.

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The district shall not delay disciplinary consequences pending the outcome of an appeal. The decision to place a student in a DAEP cannot be appealed beyond the board.

Restrictions During Placement

Students placed in DAEP are prohibited from being on school grounds or attending school-sponsored or school related activities during the period of placement. The district does not permit a student who is placed in a DAEP to participate in any school-sponsored or school-related extracurricular or cocurricular activity, including seeking or holding honorary positions and/or membership in school-sponsored clubs and organizations. Any student on district property during DAEP placement may be arrested and charged with criminal trespassing.

A student placed in a DAEP shall not be provided transportation unless he or she is a student with a disability who is entitled to transportation in accordance with the student's IEP or Section 504 plan.

For seniors who are eligible to graduate and are assigned to a DAEP at the time of graduation, the last day of placement in the program shall be the last instructional day, and the student shall be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony and related graduation activities unless otherwise specified in the DAEP placement order.

Placement Review

A student placed in a DAEP shall be provided a review of his or her status, including academic status, by the CBC or the board's designee at intervals not to exceed 120 days. In the case of a high school student, the student's progress toward graduation and the student's graduation plan shall also be reviewed. At the review, the student or the student's parent shall be given the opportunity to present arguments for the student's return to the regular classroom or campus. The student may not be returned to the classroom of a teacher who removed the student without that teacher's consent.

Additional Misconduct

If during the term of placement in a DAEP the student engages in additional misconduct for which placement in a DAEP or expulsion is required or permitted, additional proceedings may be conducted, and the CBC may enter an additional disciplinary order as a result of those proceedings.

Notice of Criminal Proceedings

When a student is placed in a DAEP for certain offenses, the office of the prosecuting attorney shall notify the district if:

1. Prosecution of a student's case was refused for lack of prosecutorial merit or insufficient evidence, and no formal proceedings, deferred adjudication [see Glossary], or deferred prosecution will be initiated; or

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2. The court or jury found a student not guilty or made a finding that the student did not engage in delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision, and the case was dismissed with prejudice.

If a student was placed in a DAEP for such conduct, on receiving the notice from the prosecutor, the superintendent or designee shall review the student's placement and schedule a review with the student's parent not later than the third day after the superintendent or designee receives notice from the prosecutor. The student may not be returned to the regular classroom pending the review.

After reviewing the notice and receiving information from the student's parent, the superintendent or designee may continue the student's placement if there is reason to believe that the presence of the student in the regular classroom threatens the safety of other students or teachers.

The student or the student's parent may appeal the superintendent's decision to the board. The student may not be returned to the regular classroom pending the appeal. In the case of an appeal, the board shall, at the next scheduled meeting, review the notice from the prosecutor and receive information from the student, the student's parent, and the superintendent or designee, and confirm or reverse the decision of the superintendent or designee. The board shall make a record of the proceedings.

If the board confirms the decision of the superintendent or designee, the student and the student's parent may appeal to the Commissioner of Education. The student may not be returned to the regular classroom pending the appeal.

Withdrawal During Process

When a student violates the district's Code of Conduct in a way that requires or permits the student to be placed in a DAEP and the student withdraws from the district before a placement order is completed, the CBC may complete the proceedings and issue a placement order. If the student then re-enrolls in the district during the same or a subsequent school year, the district may enforce the order at that time, less any period of the placement that has been served by the student during enrollment in another district. If the CBC or the board fails to issue a placement order after the student withdraws, the next district in which the student enrolls may complete the proceedings and issue a placement order.

Newly Enrolled Students

The district shall continue the DAEP placement of a student who enrolls in the district and was assigned to a DAEP in an open-enrollment charter school or another district including a district in another state.

When a student enrolls in the district with a DAEP placement from a district in another state, the district has the right to place the student in DAEP to the same extent as any other newly enrolled student if the behavior committed is a reason for DAEP placement in the receiving district.

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State law requires the district to reduce a placement imposed by a district in another state that exceeds one year so that the total placement does not exceed one year. After a review, however, the placement may be extended beyond a year if the district determines that the student is a threat to the safety of other students or employees, or if the extended placement is in the best interest of the student.

Emergency Placement Procedure

When an emergency placement is necessary because the student's behavior is so unruly, disruptive, or abusive that it seriously interferes with classroom or school operations, the student shall be given oral notice of the reason for the action. Not later than the tenth day after the date of the placement, the student shall be given the appropriate conference required for assignment to a DAEP.

Transition Services

In accordance with law and district procedures, campus staff shall provide transition services to a student returning to the regular classroom from an alternative education program, including a DAEP. [See policy FOCA(LEGAL) for more information.]

Placement and/or Expulsion for Certain Offenses

This section includes two categories of offenses for which the [Education Code](#) provides unique procedures and specific consequences.

Registered Sex Offenders

Upon receiving notification in accordance with state law that a student is currently required to register as a sex offender, the district must remove the student from the regular classroom and determine appropriate placement unless the court orders JJAEP placement.

If the student is under any form of court supervision, including probation, community supervision, or parole, the student shall be placed in either DAEP or JJAEP for at least one semester.

If the student is not under any form of court supervision, the student may be placed in DAEP or JJAEP for one semester or placed in a regular classroom. The student may not be placed in the regular classroom if the board or its designee determines that the student's presence:

1. Threatens the safety of other students or teachers;
2. Will be detrimental to the educational process; or
3. Is not in the best interests of the district's students.

Review Committee

At the end of the first semester of a student's placement in an alternative educational setting and before the beginning of each school year for which the student remains in an alternative placement, the district shall convene a committee, in accordance with

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state law, to review the student's placement. The committee shall recommend whether the student should return to the regular classroom or remain in the placement. Absent a special finding, the board or its designee must follow the committee's recommendation.

The placement review of a student with a disability who receives special education services must be made by the ARD committee.

Newly Enrolled Students

If a student enrolls in the district during a mandatory placement as a registered sex offender, the district may count any time already spent by the student in a placement or may require an additional semester in an alternative placement without conducting a review of the placement.

Appeal

A student or the student's parent may appeal the placement by requesting a conference between the board or its designee, the student, and the student's parent. The conference is limited to the factual question of whether the student is required to register as a sex offender. Any decision of the board or its designee under this section is final and may not be appealed.

Expulsion

In deciding whether to order expulsion, regardless of whether the action is mandatory or discretionary, the CBC shall take into consideration:

1. Self-defense [see Glossary];
2. Intent or lack of intent at the time the student engaged in the conduct;
3. The student's disciplinary history;
4. A disability that substantially impairs the student's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student's conduct;
5. A student's status in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (foster care); or
6. A student's status as homeless.

Discretionary Expulsion: Misconduct That May Result in Expulsion

Some of the following types of misconduct may result in mandatory placement in a DAEP, whether or not a student is expelled. [see Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) Placement]

Any Location

A student **may** be expelled for:

- Engaging in bullying that encourages a student to die by suicide.
- Inciting violence against a student through group bullying.

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- Releasing or threatening to release intimate visual material of a minor or of a student who is 18 years of age or older without the student's consent.
- Criminal mischief, if punishable as a felony.
- Breach of computer security. [see Glossary]
- Engaging in conduct relating to a false alarm or report (including a bomb threat) or a terroristic threat involving a public school.

At School, Within 300 Feet, or at a School Event

A student **may** be expelled for committing any of the following offenses on or within 300 feet of school property, as measured from any point on the school's real property boundary line, or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property:

- Engaging in deadly conduct. [see Glossary]

Within 300 Feet of School

A student may be expelled for possession of a firearm, as defined by federal law, while within 300 feet of school property, as measured from any point on the school's real property boundary line.

Property of Another District

A student may be expelled for committing any offense that is a state-mandated expellable offense if the offense is committed on the property of another district in Texas or while the student is attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity of a school in another district in Texas.

While in a DAEP

A student may be expelled for engaging in documented serious misbehavior that violates the district's Code of Conduct, despite documented behavioral interventions while placed in a DAEP. For purposes of discretionary expulsion from a DAEP, serious misbehavior means:

1. Deliberate violent behavior that poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others;
2. Extortion, meaning the gaining of money or other property by force or threat;
3. Conduct that constitutes coercion, as defined by [Penal Code 1.07](#); or
4. Conduct that constitutes the offense of:
 - a. Public lewdness under [Penal Code 21.07](#);
 - b. Indecent exposure under [Penal Code 21.08](#);
 - c. Criminal mischief under [Penal Code 28.03](#);
 - d. Hazing under [Education Code 37.152](#); or

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- e. Harassment under [Penal Code 42.07\(a\)\(1\)](#) of a student or district employee.

Mandatory Expulsion: Misconduct That Requires Expulsion

A student **must** be expelled under federal or state law for any of the following offenses that occur on or off school property.

Under Federal Law

Bringing to school or possessing at school, including any setting that is under the district's control or supervision for the purpose of a school activity, a firearm, as defined by federal law. [see Glossary]

Note: Mandatory expulsion under the [federal Gun Free Schools Act](#) does not apply to a firearm that is lawfully stored inside a locked vehicle or to firearms used in activities approved and authorized by the district when the district has adopted appropriate safeguards to ensure student safety.

Under the Penal Code

- Unlawfully carrying on or about the student's person the following, in the manner prohibited by [Penal Code 46.02](#):
 - A handgun, defined by state law as any firearm designed, made, or adapted to be used with one hand. [see Glossary] Note: A student may not be expelled solely on the basis of the student's use, exhibition, or possession of a firearm that occurs at an approved target range facility that is not located on a school campus; while participating in or preparing for a school-sponsored, shooting sports competition or a shooting sports educational activity that is sponsored or supported by the Parks and Wildlife Department; or a shooting sports sanctioning organization working with the department. [See policy FNCG(LEGAL).]
- A location-restricted knife, as defined by state law. [see Glossary]
- Possessing, manufacturing, transporting, repairing, or selling a prohibited weapon, as defined in state law. [see Glossary]
- Engages in conduct that contains the elements of the offense of exhibiting, using, or threatening to exhibit or use a firearm under Education Code 37.125.
- Behaving in a manner that contains elements of the following offenses under the Penal Code:
 - Aggravated assault, sexual assault, or aggravated sexual assault.
 - Arson. [see Glossary]
 - Murder, capital murder, or criminal attempt to commit murder or capital murder.
 - Indecency with a child.

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- Kidnapping or aggravated kidnapping.
- Burglary, robbery or aggravated robbery.
- Manslaughter.
- Criminally negligent homicide.
- Continuous sexual abuse of a young child or disabled individual.
- Behavior punishable as a felony that involves selling, giving, or delivering to another person or possessing, using, or being under the influence of a controlled substance or a dangerous drug.
- Engaging in conduct that contains elements of assault against a school employee or volunteer.

Under Age 10

When a student under the age of 10 engages in behavior that is expellable behavior, the student shall not be expelled but shall be placed in a DAEP. A student under age six shall not be placed in a DAEP unless the student commits a federal firearm offense.

Consideration of Virtual Education as Alternative to Expulsion

Before a school district may expel a student, the district must consider the appropriateness and feasibility of, as an alternative to expulsion, enrolling the student in a full-time hybrid program, full-time virtual program, full-time hybrid campus, or full-time virtual campus. This requirement does not apply to a student expelled under [Education Code 37.0081 or 37.007\(a\), \(d\), or\(e\)](#).

Process

If a student is believed to have committed an expellable offense, the CBC or other appropriate administrator shall schedule a hearing within a reasonable time. The student's parent shall be invited in writing to attend the hearing.

Until a hearing can be held, the CBC or other administrator may place the student in:

- Another appropriate classroom.
- ISS.
- Out-of-school suspension.
- DAEP.

Hearing

A student facing expulsion shall be given a hearing with appropriate due process. The student is entitled to:

1. Representation by the student's parent or another adult who can provide guidance to the student and who is not an employee of the district;

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2. An opportunity to testify and to present evidence and witnesses in the student's defense; and
3. An opportunity to question the witnesses called by the district at the hearing.

After providing notice to the student and parent of the hearing, the district may hold the hearing regardless of whether the student or the student's parent attends.

The board of trustees delegates to the principal or designee authority to conduct hearings and expel students.

Board Review of Expulsion

After the due process hearing, the expelled student may request that the board review the expulsion decisions. The student or parent must submit a written request to the superintendent within seven days after receipt of the written decision. The superintendent must provide the student or parent written notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting at which the board will review the decision.

The board shall review the record of the expulsion hearing in a closed meeting unless the parent requests in writing that the matter be held in an open meeting. The board may also hear a statement from the student or parent and from the board's designee.

The board shall consider and base its decision on evidence reflected in the record and any statements made by the parties at the review. The board shall make and communicate its decision orally at the conclusion of the presentation. Consequences shall not be deferred pending the outcome of the hearing.

Expulsion Order

Before ordering the expulsion, the board or CBC shall take into consideration:

1. Self-defense [see Glossary];
2. Intent or lack of intent at the time the student engaged in the conduct;
3. The student's disciplinary history;
4. A disability that substantially impairs the student's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student's conduct;
5. A student's status in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (foster care); or
6. A student's status as homeless.

If the student is expelled, the board or its designee shall deliver to the student and the student's parent a copy of the order expelling the student.

Not later than the second business day after the hearing, the superintendent shall deliver to the juvenile court a copy of the expulsion order and the information required by [Section 52.04 of the Family Code](#).

If the length of the expulsion is inconsistent with the guidelines included in the Code of Conduct, the expulsion order shall give notice of the inconsistency.

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Length of Expulsion

The length of an expulsion shall be based on the seriousness of the offense, the student's age and grade level, the frequency of misbehavior, the student's attitude, and statutory requirements.

The duration of a student's expulsion shall be determined on a case-by-case basis. The maximum period of expulsion is one calendar year, except as provided below.

An expulsion may not exceed one year unless, after review, the district determines that:

1. The student is a threat to the safety of other students or to district employees; or
2. Extended expulsion is in the best interest of the student.

State and federal law require a student to be expelled from the regular classroom for a period of at least one calendar year for bringing a firearm, as defined by federal law, to school. However, the superintendent may modify the length of the expulsion on a case-by-case basis.

Students who commit offenses that require expulsion at the end of one school year may be expelled into the next school year to complete the term of expulsion.

Withdrawal During Process

When a student's conduct requires or permits expulsion from the district and the student withdraws from the district before the expulsion hearing takes place, the district may conduct the hearing after sending written notice to the parent and student.

If the student then re-enrolls in the district during the same or subsequent school year, the district may enforce the expulsion order at that time, less any expulsion period that has been served by the student during enrollment in another district.

If the CBC or the board fails to issue an expulsion order after the student withdraws, the next district in which the student enrolls may complete the proceedings.

Additional Misconduct

If during the expulsion, the student engages in additional conduct for which placement in a DAEP or expulsion is required or permitted, additional proceedings may be conducted, and the CBC or the board may issue an additional disciplinary order as a result of those proceedings.

Restrictions During Expulsion

Expelled students are prohibited from being on school grounds or attending school-sponsored or school-related activities during the period of expulsion.

No district academic credit shall be earned for work missed during the period of expulsion unless the student is enrolled in a JJAEP or another district-approved program.

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Newly Enrolled Students

The district shall continue the expulsion of any newly enrolled student expelled from another district or an open-enrollment charter school until the period of the expulsion is completed.

If a student expelled in another state enrolls in the district, the district may continue the expulsion under the terms of the expulsion order, may place the student in a DAEP for the period specified in the order, or may allow the student to attend regular classes if:

1. The out-of-state district provides the district with a copy of the expulsion order; and
2. The offense resulting in the expulsion is also an expellable offense in the district in which the student is enrolling.

If a student is expelled by a district in another state for a period that exceeds one year and the district continues the expulsion or places the student in a DAEP, the district shall reduce the period of the expulsion or DAEP placement so that the entire period does not exceed one year, unless after a review it is determined that:

1. The student is a threat to the safety of other students or district employees; or
2. Extended placement is in the best interest of the student.

Emergency Expulsion Procedures

When an emergency expulsion is necessary to protect persons or property from imminent harm, the student shall be given verbal notice of the reason for the action. Emergency expulsion may be ordered based on a single incident of behavior by the student. Within 10 days after the date of the emergency expulsion, the student shall be given appropriate due process required for a student facing expulsion.

DAEP Placement of Expelled Students

The district may provide educational services to any expelled student in a DAEP; however, educational services in the DAEP must be provided if the student is less than 10 years of age.

Transition Services

In accordance with law and district procedures, campus staff shall provide transition services for a student returning to the regular classroom from placement in an alternative education program, including a DAEP or JJAEP. See policies FOCA(LEGAL) and FODA(LEGAL) for more information.

Certain Felonies

Regardless of whether DAEP placement or expulsion is required or permitted by one of the reasons in the DAEP Placement or Expulsion sections, in accordance with [Education Code 37.0081](#), a student may be expelled and placed in either DAEP or JJAEP if the board or CBC makes certain findings and the following circumstances exist

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in relation to aggravated robbery or a felony offense under Title 5 [see Glossary] of the Penal Code. The student must have:

- Received deferred prosecution for conduct defined as aggravated robbery or a [Title 5 felony](#) offense;
- Been found by a court or jury to have engaged in delinquent conduct for conduct defined as aggravated robbery or a [Title 5 felony](#) offense;
- Been charged with engaging in conduct defined as aggravated robbery or a [Title 5 felony](#) offense;
- Been referred to a juvenile court for allegedly engaging in delinquent conduct for conduct defined as aggravated robbery or a [Title 5 felony](#) offense; or
- Received probation or deferred adjudication or have been arrested for, charged with, or convicted of aggravated robbery or a Title 5 felony offense.

The district may expel the student and order placement under these circumstances regardless of:

1. The date on which the student's conduct occurred;
2. The location at which the conduct occurred;
3. Whether the conduct occurred while the student was enrolled in the district; or
4. Whether the student has successfully completed any court disposition requirements imposed in connection with the conduct.

Hearing and Required Findings

The student must first have a hearing before the board or its designee, who must determine that in addition to the circumstances above that allow for the expulsion, the student's presence in the regular classroom:

1. Threatens the safety of other students or teachers;
2. Will be detrimental to the educational process; or
3. Is not in the best interest of the district's students.

Any decision of the board or the board's designee under this section is final and may not be appealed.

Length of Placement

The student is subject to the placement until:

1. The student graduates from high school;
2. The charges are dismissed or reduced to a misdemeanor offense; or
3. The student completes the term of the placement or is assigned to another program.

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Placement Review

A student placed in a DAEP or JJAEP under this section is entitled to a review of his or her status, including academic status, by the CBC or board's designee at intervals not to exceed 120 days. In the case of a high school student, the student's progress toward graduation and the student's graduation plan shall also be reviewed. At the review, the student or the student's parent shall have the opportunity to present arguments for the student's return to the regular classroom or campus.

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A student who enrolls in the district before completing a placement under this section from another school district must complete the term of the placement.

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Glossary

Abuse is improper or excessive use.

Aggravated robbery is defined in part by [Penal Code 29.03\(a\)](#) as when a person commits robbery and:

1. Causes serious bodily injury to another;
2. Uses or exhibits a deadly weapon; or
3. Causes bodily injury to another person or threatens or places another person in fear of imminent bodily injury or death, if the other person is:
 - a. 65 years of age or older; or
 - b. A disabled person.

Antisemitism is defined by [Government Code section 448.001](#) as a certain perception of Jews that may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. The term includes rhetorical and physical acts of antisemitism directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals or their property or toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities. Examples of antisemitism are included with the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's "Working Definition of Antisemitism" adopted on May 26, 2016.

Armor-piercing ammunition is defined by [Penal Code 46.01](#) as handgun ammunition used in pistols and revolvers and designed primarily for the purpose of penetrating metal or body armor.

Arson is defined in part by [Penal Code 28.02](#) as a crime that involves:

1. Starting a fire or causing an explosion with intent to destroy or damage:
 - a. Any vegetation, fence, or structure on open-space land; or
 - b. Any building, habitation, or vehicle:
 - (1) Knowing that it is within the limits of an incorporated city or town;
 - (2) Knowing that it is insured against damage or destruction;
 - (3) Knowing that it is subject to a mortgage or other security interest;
 - (4) Knowing that it is located on property belonging to another;
 - (5) Knowing that it has located within it property belonging to another;
 - or
 - (6) When the person starting the fire is reckless about whether the burning or explosion will endanger the life of some individual or the safety of the property of another.
2. Recklessly starting a fire or causing an explosion while manufacturing or attempting to manufacture a controlled substance if the fire or explosion damages any building, habitation, or vehicle; or

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3. Intentionally starting a fire or causing an explosion and in so doing:
 - a. Recklessly damaging or destroying a building belonging to another; or
 - b. Recklessly causing another person to suffer bodily injury or death.

Assault is defined in part by [Penal Code 22.01](#) as intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily injury to another; intentionally or knowingly threatening another with imminent bodily injury; or intentionally or knowingly causing physical contact with another that can reasonably be regarded as offensive or provocative.

Breach of computer security includes knowingly accessing a computer, computer network, or computer system without the effective consent of the owner as defined in [Penal Code 33.02](#), if the conduct involves accessing a computer, computer network, or computer system owned by or operated on behalf of a school district and the student knowingly alters, damages, or deletes school district property or information or commits a breach of any other computer, computer network, or computer system.

Bullying is defined as a single significant act or a pattern of acts by one or more students directed at another student that exploits an imbalance of power and involves engaging in written or verbal expression, expression through electronic means, or physical conduct that:

1. Has the effect or will have the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or damage to the student's property;
2. Is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive enough that the action or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for a student;
3. Materially and substantially disrupts the educational process or the orderly operation of a classroom or school; or
4. Infringes on the rights of the victim at school.

Bullying includes cyberbullying. (See below.) This state law on bullying prevention applies to:

1. Bullying that occurs on or is delivered to school property or to the site of a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property;
2. Bullying that occurs on a publicly or privately owned school bus or vehicle being used for transportation of students to or from school or a school-sponsored or school-related activity; and
3. Cyberbullying that occurs off school property or outside of a school-sponsored or school-related activity if the cyberbullying interferes with a student's educational opportunities or substantially disrupts the orderly operation of a classroom, school, or school-sponsored or school-related activity.

Chemical dispensing device is defined by [Penal Code 46.01](#) as a device designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of dispensing a substance capable of causing an

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adverse psychological or physiological effect on a human being. A small chemical dispenser sold commercially for personal protection is not in this category.

Club is defined by [Penal Code 46.01](#) as an instrument, specially designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily injury or death by striking a person with the instrument, and includes but is not limited to a blackjack, nightstick, mace, and tomahawk.

Controlled substance means a substance, including a drug, an adulterant, and a dilutant, listed in [Schedules I through V or Penalty Group 1, 1-A, 1-B, 2, 2-A, 3, or 4 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act](#). The term includes the aggregate weight of any mixture, solution, or other substance containing a controlled substance. The term does not include hemp, as defined by [Agriculture Code 121.001](#), or the tetrahydrocannabinols (THC) in hemp.

Criminal street gang is defined by [Penal Code 71.01](#) as three or more persons having a common identifying sign or symbol or an identifiable leadership who continuously or regularly associate in the commission of criminal activities.

Cyberbullying is defined by [Education Code 37.0832](#) as bullying that is done through the use of any electronic communication device, including through the use of a cellular or other type of telephone, a computer, a camera, electronic mail, instant messaging, text messaging, a social media application, an internet website, or any other internet-based communication tool.

Dangerous drug is defined by [Health and Safety Code 483.001](#) as a device or a drug that is unsafe for self-medication and that is not included in [Schedules I through V or Penalty Groups 1 through 4 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act](#). The term includes a device or drug that federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription or restricts to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

Dating violence occurs when a person in a current or past dating relationship uses physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse to harm, threaten, intimidate, or control another person in the relationship. Dating violence also occurs when a person commits these acts against a person in a marriage or dating relationship with the individual who is or was once in a marriage or dating relationship with the person committing the offense, as defined by [Section 71.0021 of the Family Code](#).

Deadly conduct under [Penal Code 22.05](#) occurs when a person recklessly engages in conduct that places another in imminent danger of serious bodily injury, such as knowingly discharging a firearm in the direction of an individual, habitation, building, or vehicle.

Deferred adjudication is an alternative to seeking a conviction in court that may be offered to a juvenile for delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision.

Deferred prosecution may be offered to a juvenile as an alternative to seeking a conviction in court for delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision.

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Delinquent conduct is conduct that violates either state or federal law and is punishable by imprisonment or confinement in jail. It includes conduct that violates certain juvenile court orders, including probation orders, but does not include violations of traffic laws.

Discretionary means that something is left to or regulated by a local decision maker.

E-cigarette means an electronic cigarette or any other device that simulates smoking by using a mechanical heating element, battery, or electronic circuit to deliver nicotine or other substances to the individual inhaling from the device or a consumable liquid solution or other material aerosolized or vaporized during the use of an electronic cigarette or other device described by this provision. The term includes any device that is manufactured, distributed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, or e-pipe or under another product name or description and a component, part, or accessory for the device, regardless of whether the component, part, or accessory is sold separately from the device.

Explosive weapon is defined by [Penal Code 46.01](#) as any explosive or incendiary bomb, grenade, rocket, or mine and its delivery mechanism that is designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily injury, death, or substantial property damage, or for the principal purpose of causing such a loud report as to cause undue public alarm or terror.

False alarm or report under [Penal Code 42.06](#) occurs when a person knowingly initiates, communicates, or circulates a report of a present, past, or future bombing, fire, offense, or other emergency that he or she knows is false or baseless and that would ordinarily:

1. Cause action by an official or volunteer agency organized to deal with emergencies;
2. Place a person in fear of imminent serious bodily injury; or
3. Prevent or interrupt the occupation of a building, room, or place of assembly.

Firearm is defined by [federal law \(18 U.S.C. 921\(a\)\)](#) as:

1. Any weapon (including a starter gun) that will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive;
2. The frame or receiver of any such weapon;
3. Any firearm muffler or firearm silencer, defined as any device for silencing, muffling, or diminishing the report of a portable firearm; or
4. Any destructive device, such as any explosive, incendiary or poison gas bomb, or grenade.

Such term does not include an antique firearm.

Graffiti includes markings with paint, an indelible pen or marker, or an etching or engraving device on tangible property without the effective consent of the owner. The markings may include inscriptions, slogans, drawings, or paintings.

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Handgun is defined by [Penal Code 46.01](#) as any firearm that is designed, made, or adapted to be fired with one hand.

Harassment includes:

1. Conduct that meets the definition established in district policies DIA(LOCAL) and FFH(LOCAL);
2. Conduct that threatens to cause harm or bodily injury to another person, including a district student, employee, board member, or volunteer; is sexually intimidating; causes physical damage to the property of another student; subjects another student to physical confinement or restraint; or maliciously and substantially harms another student's physical or emotional health or safety, as defined in [Education Code 37.001\(b\)\(2\)](#); or
3. Conduct that is punishable as a crime under [Penal Code 42.07](#), including the following types of conduct if carried out with the intent to harass, annoy, alarm, abuse, torment, or embarrass another:
 - a. Initiating communication and, in the course of the communication, making a comment, request, suggestion, or proposal that is obscene, as defined by law;
 - b. Threatening, in a manner reasonably likely to alarm the person receiving the threat, to inflict bodily injury on the person or to commit a felony against the person, a member of the person's family or household, or the person's property;
 - c. Conveying, in a manner reasonably likely to alarm the person receiving the report, a false report, which is known by the conveyor to be false, that another person has suffered death or serious bodily injury;
 - d. Causing the telephone of another to ring repeatedly or making repeated telephone communications anonymously or in a manner reasonably likely to harass, annoy, alarm, abuse, torment, embarrass, or offend another;
 - e. Making a telephone call and intentionally failing to hang up or disengage the connection;
 - f. Knowingly permitting a telephone under the person's control to be used by another to commit an offense under this section;
 - g. Sending repeated electronic communications in a manner reasonably likely to harass, annoy, alarm, abuse, torment, embarrass, or offend another;
 - h. Publishing on an internet website, including a social media platform, repeated electronic communications in a manner reasonably likely to cause emotional distress, abuse, or torment to another person, unless the communications are made in connection with a matter of public concern, as defined by law; or

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- i. Making obscene, intimidating, or threatening telephone calls or other electronic communications from a temporary or disposable telephone number provided by an internet application or other technological means.

Hazing is defined by [Education Code 37.151](#) as an intentional, knowing, or reckless act, on or off campus, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student for the purpose of pledging, initiation into, affiliation with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in a student organization if the act meets the elements in [Education Code 37.151](#), including:

1. Any type of physical brutality;
2. An activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the student's mental or physical health, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement to small spaces, calisthenics, or consumption of food, liquids, drugs, or other substances;
3. An activity that induces, causes, or requires the student to perform a duty or task that violates the Penal Code; or
4. Coercing a student to consume a drug or alcoholic beverage in an amount that would lead a reasonable person to believe the student is intoxicated.

Hit list is defined in [Education Code 37.001\(b\)\(3\)](#) as a list of people targeted to be harmed, using a firearm, a knife, or any other object to be used with intent to cause bodily harm.

Improvised explosive device is defined by [Penal Code 46.01](#) as a completed and operational bomb designed to cause serious bodily injury, death, or substantial property damage that is fabricated in an improvised manner using nonmilitary components.

Indecent exposure is defined by [Penal Code 21.08](#) as an offense that occurs when a person exposes the person's anus or any part of the person's genitals with intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person, and is reckless about whether another is present who will be offended or alarmed by the act.

Intimate visual material is defined by [Civil Practices and Remedies Code 98B.001](#) and [Penal Code 21.16](#) as visual material that depicts a person with the person's intimate parts exposed or engaged in sexual conduct. "Visual material" means any film, photograph, video tape, negative, or slide of any photographic reproduction or any other physical medium that allows an image to be displayed on a computer or other video screen and any image transmitted to a computer or other video screen.

Location-restricted knife is defined by [Penal Code 46.01](#) as a knife with a blade over five and one-half inches.

Knuckles means any instrument consisting of finger rings or guards made of a hard substance and designed or adapted for inflicting serious bodily injury or death by striking a person with a fist enclosed in the knuckles.

Look-alike weapon means an item that resembles a weapon but is not intended to be used to cause serious bodily injury.

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Machine gun as defined by [Penal Code 46.01](#) is any firearm that is capable of shooting more than two shots automatically, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.

Mandatory means that something is obligatory or required because of an authority.

Paraphernalia are devices that can be used for inhaling, ingesting, injecting, or otherwise introducing a controlled substance into a human body.

Personal Communication Device means a telephone, cell phone such as a smartphone or flip phone, tablet, smartwatch, radio device, paging device, or any other electronic device capable of telecommunication or digital communication.

Possession means to have an item on one's person or in one's personal property, including, but not limited to:

1. Clothing, purse, or backpack;
2. A private vehicle used for transportation to or from school or school-related activities, including, but not limited to, an automobile, truck, motorcycle, or bicycle;
3. Personal communication devices or electronic devices; or
4. Any school property used by the student, including, but not limited to, a locker or desk.

Prohibited weapon under [Penal Code 46.05\(a\)](#) means:

1. The following items, unless registered with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives or otherwise not subject to that registration requirement or unless the item is classified as a curio or relic by the U.S. Department of Justice:
 - a. An explosive weapon; or
 - b. A machine gun.
2. Armor-piercing ammunition;
3. A chemical dispensing device;
4. A zip gun;
5. A tire deflation device; or
6. An improvised explosive device.

Public Lewdness is defined by [Penal Code 21.07](#) as an offense that occurs when a person knowingly engages in an act of sexual intercourse, deviate sexual intercourse, or sexual contact in a public place or, if not in a public place, when the person is reckless about whether another is present who will be offended or alarmed by the act.

Public school fraternity, sorority, secret society, or gang means an organization composed wholly or in part of students that seeks to perpetuate itself by taking additional members from the students enrolled in school based on a decision of its

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membership rather than on the free choice of a qualified student. Educational organizations listed in [Education Code 37.121\(d\)](#) are excepted from this definition.

Reasonable belief is that which an ordinary person of average intelligence and sound mind would believe. Chapter 37 requires certain disciplinary decisions when the superintendent or designee has a reasonable belief that a student engaged in conduct punishable as a felony offense. In forming such a reasonable belief, the superintendent or designee may use all available information and must consider the information furnished in the notice of a student's arrest under [Code of Criminal Procedure Article 15.27](#).

Self-defense is the use of force against another to the degree a person reasonably believes is immediately necessary to protect himself or herself.

Serious misbehavior means:

1. Deliberate violent behavior that poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others;
2. Extortion, meaning the gaining of money or other property by force or threat;
3. Conduct that constitutes coercion, as defined by [Penal Code Section 1.07](#); or
4. Conduct that constitutes the offense of:
 - a. Public lewdness under [Penal Code 21.07](#);
 - b. Indecent exposure under [Penal Code 21.08](#);
 - c. Criminal mischief under [Penal Code 28.03](#);
 - d. Hazing under [Education Code 37.152](#); or
 - e. Harassment under [Penal Code 42.07\(a\)\(1\)](#) of a student or district employee.

Serious or persistent misbehavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Behavior that is grounds for permissible expulsion or mandatory DAEP placement.
- Behavior identified by the district as grounds for discretionary DAEP placement.
- Actions or demonstrations that substantially disrupt or materially interfere with school activities.
- Refusal to attempt or complete schoolwork as assigned.
- Insubordination.
- Profanity, vulgar language, or obscene gestures.
- Leaving school grounds without permission.
- Falsification of records, passes, or other school-related documents.
- Refusal to accept discipline assigned by the teacher or principal.

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Short-barrel firearm is defined by [Penal Code 46.01](#) as a rifle with a barrel length of less than 16 inches or a shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches, or any weapon made from a rifle or shotgun that, as altered, has an overall length of less than 26 inches.

Terroristic threat is defined by [Penal Code 22.07](#) as a threat of violence to any person or property with intent to:

1. Cause a reaction of any type by an official or volunteer agency organized to deal with emergencies;
2. Place any person in fear of imminent serious bodily injury;
3. Prevent or interrupt the occupation or use of a building; room, place of assembly, or place to which the public has access; place of employment or occupation; aircraft, automobile, or other form of conveyance; or other public place;
4. Cause impairment or interruption of public communications; public transportation; public water, gas, or power supply; or other public service;
5. Place the public or a substantial group of the public in fear of serious bodily injury; or
6. Influence the conduct or activities of a branch or agency of the federal government, the state, or a political subdivision of the state (including the district).

Tire deflation device is defined in part by [Penal Code 46.01](#) as a device, including a caltrop or spike strip, that, when driven over, impedes or stops the movement of a wheeled vehicle by puncturing one or more of the vehicle's tires.

Title 5 felonies are those crimes listed in [Title 5 of the Penal Code](#) that typically involve injury to a person and may include:

- Murder, manslaughter, or homicide under [Sections 19.02–.05](#);
- Kidnapping under [Section 20.03](#);
- Trafficking of persons under [Section 20A.02](#);
- Smuggling or continuous smuggling of persons under [Sections 20.05–.06](#);
- Assault under [Section 22.01](#);
- Aggravated assault under [Section 22.02](#);
- Sexual assault under [Section 22.011](#);
- Aggravated sexual assault under [Section 22.021](#);
- Unlawful restraint under [Section 20.02](#);
- Continuous sexual abuse of a young child or disabled individual under [Section 21.02](#);
- Bestiality under [Section 21.09](#);

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- Improper relationship between educator and student under [Section 21.12](#);
- Voyeurism under [Section 21.17](#);
- Indecency with a child under [Section 21.11](#);
- Invasive visual recording under [Section 21.15](#);
- Disclosure or promotion of intimate visual material under [Section 21.16](#);
- Sexual coercion under [Section 21.18](#);
- Injury to a child, an elderly person, or a disabled person of any age under [Section 22.04](#);
- Abandoning or endangering a child under [Section 22.041](#);
- Deadly conduct under [Section 22.05](#);
- Terroristic threat under [Section 22.07](#);
- Aiding a person to die by suicide under [Section 22.08](#); and
- Tampering with a consumer product under [Section 22.09](#).

Under the influence means lacking the normal use of mental or physical faculties. Impairment of a person's physical or mental faculties may be evidenced by a pattern of abnormal or erratic behavior, the presence of physical symptoms of drug or alcohol use, or by admission. A student "under the influence" need not be legally intoxicated to trigger disciplinary action.

Use means voluntarily introducing into one's body, by any means, a prohibited substance.

Zip gun is defined by [Penal Code 46.01](#) as a device or combination of devices that was not originally a firearm and is adapted to expel a projectile through a smooth-bore or rifled-bore barrel by using the energy generated by an explosion or burning substance.



Splendoria ISD Board of Trustees Agenda Item Information Form

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 10, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Approve the Student Handbook for the 2026-2027 School Year.

THIS ITEM RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN PILLAR(S): N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends that the Board approve the Student Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year.

ATTACHMENTS: Student Handbook

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BUDGET INFORMATION: N/A

RESOURCE PERSONNEL: Superintendent- Dr. Dustin Bromley, Carrie Reed- Deputy Superintendent of Administration, and Aubri Deheck- Director of Student Services

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move to approve the Student Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year.



**Splendoria Independent School District
Student Handbook
2026-2027 School Year**

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In Splendor ISD, we believe...

We believe the greatest outcomes result when students come first.
We believe positive relationships create conditions for students to be advocates in their education.
We believe servant leaders and critical thinkers strengthen our community.
We believe students deserve high-quality, engaging learning experiences that honor the potential in each student.
We believe every student should be resilient, innovative, and demonstrate initiative.

Preface Parents and Students:

Welcome to the new school year!

Education is a team effort. Students, parents, teachers, and other staff members working together will make this a successful year.

The Splendora Independent School District Student Handbook is a general reference guide that is divided into two sections:

Section One: Parental Rights describes certain parental rights as specified in state or federal law.

Section Two: Other Important Information for Parents and Students is organized alphabetically by topic. Where applicable, the topics are further organized by grade level.

Note: Unless otherwise noted, the term “parent” refers to the parent, legal guardian, any person granted some other type of lawful control of a student, or any other person who has agreed to assume school-related responsibility for a student.

The Student Handbook is designed to align with law, board-adopted policy, and the Student Code of Conduct, a board-adopted document intended to promote school safety and an atmosphere for learning. The Student Handbook is not meant to be a complete statement of all policies, procedures, or rules in any given circumstance.

In case of conflicts between board policy (including the Student Code of Conduct) and any Student Handbook provision, the district will follow board policy and the Student Code of Conduct.

Therefore, parents and students should become familiar with the Splendora Independent School District Student Code of Conduct. To review the Code of Conduct, visit the district’s website at www.splendoraisd.org. State law requires that the Code of Conduct be prominently displayed or made available for review at each campus.

The Student Handbook is updated annually. However, policy adoption and revisions may occur throughout the year. The district encourages parents to stay informed of proposed policy changes by attending board meetings and reviewing communications explaining changes in policy or other rules that affect Student Handbook provisions. The district reserves the right to modify the Student Handbook at any time. Notice of revisions will be provided as is reasonably practical.

Although the Student Handbook may refer to rights established through law or district policy, it does not create additional rights for parents and students. It does not, nor is it intended to, represent a contract between any parent or student and the district.

A hard copy of either the Student Code of Conduct or Student Handbook can be requested at the district administration office.

Note: References to board policy codes are included for ease of reference. The hard copy of the district's official policy manual is available for review in the district administration office, and an unofficial electronic copy is available at www.splendoraisd.org.

The policy manual includes:

- Legally referenced legal policies that contain provisions from federal and state laws and regulations, case law, and other legal authorities that provide the legal framework for school districts
- Board-adopted local policies that articulate the board's choices and values regarding district practices

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Every year, Splendora ISD parents are required to update Annual Forms through the Skyward Family Access for each child registered in the district. These updates provide critical student information, such as guardians, emergency contacts, and medical information, allowing the district to respond appropriately in case of emergencies.

Annual Forms must be completed prior to receiving your child's schedule, teacher assignment, or participation in any UIL activity.

The annual forms include: Student Information, Income Survey, Student Address, Proof of Residency for change of address, Health Conditions, Medication Authorization, Emergency Contacts, Student Data, Family Survey (Migrant Information), Directory Information, Acknowledgements and Permissions, Splendora ISD Attendance Requirements, SB 12 Mental Health and School Health Consent, Acknowledgment of Electronic Distribution of Student Handbook, Notice Regarding Directory Information and Parent's Response Regarding Release of Student Information, Consent/Opt-Out Form for Participation in third-party surveys, Parent's Objection to the Release of Student Information to Military Recruiters and Institutions of Higher Education (if you choose to restrict the release of information to these entities), Consent/Opt-Out Form for participation in third-party surveys

[See Objecting to the Release of Directory Information and Consent Required Before Student Participation in a Federally Funded Survey for more information.]

Accessibility

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Section One: Parental Rights

This section describes certain parental rights as specified in state or federal law.

Consent, Opt-Out, and Refusal Rights

Consent to Conduct a Psychological or Psychiatric Evaluation

Unless required under state or federal law, a district employee or contractor of the district will not conduct a psychological or psychiatric examination, test, or treatment without obtaining prior written parental consent.

Note: An evaluation may be legally required under special education rules or by the Texas Education Agency for child abuse investigations and reports.

Consent to Human Sexuality Instruction

Annual Notification

As a part of the district's curriculum, students receive instruction related to human sexuality. The School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) makes recommendations for curriculum materials, and the school board adopts the materials and determines the specific content of the instruction. For more information, see the district's human sexuality instruction website at www.splendoraisd.org or contact our Director of Counseling, Tamara Abke.

In accordance with state law, a parent may:

- Review, receive a copy of, or purchase a copy of curriculum materials depending on the copyright of the materials.
- Remove their child from any part of the human sexuality instruction without academic, disciplinary, or other penalties.
- Become involved in the development of this curriculum by becoming a member of the district's SHAC or attending SHAC meetings. See the campus principal for details.
- Use the district's grievance procedure concerning a complaint. [See Complaints and Concerns (All Grade Levels) and FNG(LOCAL).]

State law also requires that instruction related to human sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases, or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS):

- Present abstinence from sexual activity as the preferred choice in relationship to all sexual activity for unmarried persons of school age

- Devote more attention to abstinence from sexual activity than to any other behavior
- Emphasize that abstinence, if used consistently and correctly, is the only method that is 100 percent effective in preventing pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, and the emotional trauma associated with adolescent sexual activity
- Direct adolescents to abstain from sexual activity before marriage as the most effective way to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases
- If included in the content of the curriculum, teach contraception and condom use in terms of human use reality rates instead of theoretical laboratory rates

[See Consent to Instruction on Prevention of Child Abuse, Family Violence, Dating Violence, and Sex Trafficking]

The curriculum content shall be delivered in a developmentally and age-appropriate manner and shall include the most current and scientifically accurate information. Per state law, here is a summary of the District's curriculum regarding human sexuality instruction:

7th and 8th Grade Science and Health Education Classes

- Male and female anatomy
- Pregnancy, fetal development, and childbirth
- Abstinence

5th Grade Physical Education Classes

- Human adolescent growth, development, and care
- Male and female anatomy

Consent Before Human Sexuality Instruction

Before a student receives human sexuality instruction, the parent must give written consent. Parents will be sent a request for written consent at least 14 days before the instruction will begin.

Consent to Instruction on Prevention of Child Abuse, Family Violence, Dating Violence, and Sex Trafficking

Before a student receives instruction on the prevention of child abuse, family violence, dating violence, and sex trafficking, the district must obtain written consent from the student's parent. Parents will be sent a request for written consent at least 14 days before the instruction will begin.

Annual Notification

Students receive instruction related to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, dating violence, and sex trafficking. The School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) makes recommendations for curriculum materials, and the school board adopts the materials and determines the specific content of the instruction. For more information, contact the district's Director of Counseling, Tamara Abke, regarding abuse prevention instruction.

Upon the recommendation of the SHAC, middle school students will receive instruction in the following content related to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, dating violence, and sex trafficking:

- Identify how exposure to family violence can influence behavior and the importance of reporting suspected abuse.
- Identify forms of family violence, including physical, mental, and emotional violence.
- The student understands how to set and respect personal boundaries to reduce the risk of sexual harassment, sexual abuse, and sexual assault.
- Identify that physical, emotional, and sexual abuse and exploitation are all forms of abuse.
- Define dating violence and the characteristics of unhealthy or harmful relationships, including anger, controlling behavior, jealousy, manipulation, and isolation.
- Identify protective strategies for avoiding unsafe situations that heighten the risk of sexual harassment, sexual abuse, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and teen dating violence.
- Identify the social and emotional impacts of sexual harassment, sexual abuse, sexual assault, and sex trafficking.
- Identify ways of reporting suspected sexual abuse involving self or others such as telling a parent or another trusted adult.
- Explain how laws protect victims of sexual harassment, sexual abuse, and sexual assault.
- Examine the legal ramifications of sexual offenses such as sexual harassment, sexual abuse, and sexual assault.
- Identify how technology is used to recruit or manipulate potential victims of sex trafficking.
- Describe legal aspects of sexual activity with a minor person, including the legal age of consent, statutory rape, aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault, sexual abuse, and indecency with a child.

For more information, see the district's abuse prevention instruction website at <https://www.splendoraisd.org/>

In accordance with state law, a parent may:

- Review, receive a copy of, or purchase a copy of curriculum materials depending on the copyright of the materials. As required by law, any curriculum materials in the public domain used in this instruction will be posted on the district's website at the location indicated above.
- Remove their child from any part of this instruction without academic, disciplinary, or other penalties.

- Become involved in the development of this curriculum by becoming a member of the district's SHAC or attending SHAC meetings. See the campus principal for details.
- Use the district's grievance procedure concerning a complaint. [See Complaints and Concerns (All Grade Levels) and policy FNG for information on the grievance and appeals process.]

[See Consent Before Human Sexuality Instruction, Dating Violence, and Child Abuse, Neglect, School Staff Misconduct, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children (All Grade Levels)]

Consent to Provide a Mental Health Care Service

The district will not provide a mental health care service to a student or conduct a medical screening of a student as part of the district's intervention procedures except as permitted by law.

The district has established procedures for recommending to a parent an intervention for a student with early warning signs of mental health concerns, substance abuse, or suicide risk. The district's mental health liaison will notify the student's parent within a reasonable amount of time after the liaison learns that a student has displayed early warning signs and provide information about available counseling options.

The Director for Counseling and Wellness for Splendora ISD, Tamara Abke, can be reached at tabke@splendoraisd.org. The Mental Health and Wellness Specialists for Splendora ISD, Andrinee Martinez and Kathryn Snider, can be reached at acmartinez@splendoraisd.org and ksnider@splendoraisd.org.

The district has also established procedures for staff to notify the mental health liaison regarding a student who may need intervention.

The mental health liaison can be reached at:

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The mental health liaison can provide further information about these procedures as well as curriculum materials on identifying risk factors, accessing resources for treatment or support on and off campus, and accessing available student accommodations provided on campus.

[See Mental Health Support (All Grade Levels)]

Consent to Display a Student's Original Works and Personal Information

Teachers may display a student's work in classrooms or elsewhere on campus as recognition of student achievement without seeking prior parental consent. These displays may include personally identifiable student information. Student work includes:

- Artwork

- Special projects
- Photographs
- Original videos or voice recordings
- Other original works

However, the district will seek parental consent before displaying a student's work on the district's website, a website affiliated or sponsored by the district (such as a campus or classroom website), or in district publications, which may include printed materials, videos, or other methods of mass communication.

Consent to Receive Parenting and Paternity Awareness Instruction If a Student is Under Age 14

A student under age 14 must have parental permission to participate in the district's [Parenting and Paternity Awareness Program](https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/child-support/programs-and-initiatives/parenting-and-paternity-awareness-papa/papa-educators/papa-curriculum) (<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/child-support/programs-and-initiatives/parenting-and-paternity-awareness-papa/papa-educators/papa-curriculum>). This program was developed by the Office of the Texas Attorney General and the State Board of Education (SBOE) to be incorporated into health education classes.

Consent to Video or Audio Record a Student When Not Already Permitted by Law

State law permits the school to make a video or voice recording without parental permission when the recording is to be used for:

- School safety
- Classroom instruction or a cocurricular or extracurricular activity
- Media coverage of the school
- Promotion of student safety, as provided by law for a student receiving special education services in certain settings

In other circumstances, the district will seek written parental consent before making a video or voice recording of a student.

Please note that parents and visitors to a classroom, both virtual and in-person, may not record video or audio or take photographs or other still images without permission from the teacher or other school official.

Opting Out of Advanced Mathematics in Grades 6-8

The district will automatically enroll a student in grade 6 in an advanced mathematics course if the student performed in the top 40 percent on the grade 5 mathematics STAAR or in the top 40 percent on a local measure that demonstrates proficiency in the student's grade 5 mathematics course work.

Enrollment in an advanced mathematics course in grade 6 will enable students to enroll in Algebra I in grade 8 and advanced mathematics in grades 9-12.

The student's parent may opt the student out of automatic enrollment in an advanced mathematics course.

Prohibiting the Use of Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment — spanking or paddling a student — may be used as a discipline management technique in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and district policy FO(LOCAL).

However, in accordance with law, the district may not administer corporal punishment if a student's parent submits a signed, written statement prohibiting its use.

A parent who does not want corporal punishment administered to their child must submit a written statement to the campus principal stating this decision. This signed statement must be submitted each school year. A parent may revoke this prohibition at any time during the school year by providing a signed statement to the campus principal.

Note:

- District personnel may use discipline methods other than corporal punishment if a parent requests that corporal punishment not be used.
- If the district knows that a student is in temporary or permanent custody of the state (through foster care, kinship care, or other arrangements), corporal punishment will not be administered, even when the student's caregiver or caseworker has not submitted a signed statement prohibiting its use.

Limiting Electronic Communications between Students and District Employees

The district permits teachers and other approved employees to use electronic communications with students within the scope of professional responsibilities, as described by district guidelines.

For example, a teacher may create a social networking page for the class to relay information about class work, homework, and tests. A parent is welcome to access such a page.

However, text messages sent to an individual student are only allowed if a district employee with responsibility for an extracurricular activity must communicate with a student participating in that activity.

The employee is required to include the student's parent as a recipient on all text messages.

A parent who does not want their child to receive one-to-one electronic communications from a district employee should contact the campus principal.

Objecting to the Release of Directory Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, or FERPA, permits the district to disclose appropriately designated "directory information" from a student's education records without written consent.

“Directory information” is information that, if released, is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy. Examples include:

- A student’s photograph (for publication in the school yearbook)
- A student’s name and grade level (for communicating class and teacher assignments)
- The name, weight, and height of an athlete (for publication in a school athletic program)
- A list of student birthdays (for generating schoolwide or classroom recognition)
- A student’s name and photograph (posted on a district-approved and-managed social media platform)
- The names and grade levels of students submitted by the district to a local newspaper or other community publication (to recognize the A/B honor roll for a specific grading period)

Directory information will be released to anyone who follows procedures for requesting it.

However, a parent or eligible student may object to the release of this information. Any objection must be made in writing to the principal within 10 school days of the student’s first day of instruction for this school year. [See Notice Regarding Directory Information and Parent’s Response Regarding Release of Student Information, included in the forms packet.]

The district requests that families living in a shelter for survivors of family violence or trafficking notify district personnel that the student currently resides in such a shelter. Families may want to opt out of the release of directory information so that the district does not release any information that might reveal the location of such a shelter.

As allowed by state law, the district has identified two directory information lists — one for school-sponsored purposes and a second for all other requests. For district publications and announcements, the district has designated the following as directory information: student name; image in photograph of video/audio; major field of study; degrees, honors, and awards received; grade level; creative works; most recent school previously attended; enrollment status; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; and weight and height of members of athletic teams. If a parent does not object to the use of their child’s information for these school-sponsored purposes, the school will not ask permission each time the district wants to use the information for these purposes.

For all other purposes, the district has identified the following as directory information: student name; address; telephone listing; electronic mail address; photograph; date and place of birth; major field of study; degrees, honors, and awards received; dates of attendance; grade level; most recent school previously attended; enrollment status; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; and weight and height of members of athletic teams. If a parent does not object to the use of the student’s

information for these purposes, the school must release this information when requested by an outside entity or individual.

Note: Also see Authorized Inspection and Use of Student Records.

Objecting to the Release of Student Information to Military Recruiters and Institutions of Higher Education (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

Unless a parent has advised the district not to release their student's information, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires the district to comply with requests from military recruiters or institutions of higher education to provide the following information about students:

- Name
- Address
- Telephone listing

Military recruiters may also have access to a student's district-provided email address, unless a parent has advised the district not to release this information.

[See Parent's Objection to the Release of Student Information to Military Recruiters and Institutions of Higher Education, included in the forms packet.]

Participation in Third-Party Surveys

Consent Required Before Student Participation in a Federally Funded Survey

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) provides parents certain rights regarding participation in surveys, the collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams.

A parent has the right to consent before a student is required to submit to a survey funded by the U.S. Department of Education that concerns any of the following protected areas:

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent
- Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family
- Sex behavior or attitudes
- Illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior
- Critical appraisals of individuals with whom the student has a close family relationship
- Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, and ministers
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parent
- Income, except when the information is required by law and will be used to determine the student's eligibility for a program

A parent may inspect the survey or other instrument and any corresponding instructional materials used in connection with such a survey. [See policy EF(LEGAL) for more information.]

“Opting Out” of Participation in Other Types of Surveys or Screenings and the Disclosure of Personal Information

The PPRA gives parents the right to receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:

- Activities involving the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information gathered from the child for the purpose of marketing, selling, or otherwise disclosing that information to others
- Any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student

Exceptions are hearing, vision, or spinal screenings, or any physical examination or screening permitted or required under state law. [See policies EF and FFAA for more information.]

A parent may inspect:

- Protected information surveys of students and surveys created by a third party
- Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes
- Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum

The ED provides extensive information about the [Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment](https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/resources/protection-pupil-rights-amendment-ppra-general-guidance) (<https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/resources/protection-pupil-rights-amendment-ppra-general-guidance>), including a [PPRA Complaint Form](https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/file-a-complaint) (<https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/file-a-complaint>).

Removing a Student from Instruction or Excusing a Student from a Required Component of Instruction

See Consent to Human Sexuality Instruction and Consent to Instruction on Prevention of Child Abuse, Family Violence, Dating Violence, and Sex Trafficking for information on a parent’s right to remove a student from such instruction.

Reciting a Portion of the Declaration of Independence in Grades 3-12

State law designates the week of September 17 as Celebrate Freedom Week and requires all social studies classes to provide the following:

- Instruction concerning the intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution
- A specific recitation from the Declaration of Independence for students in grades 3-12

Per state law, a student may be excused from recitation of a portion of the Declaration of Independence if any of the following apply:

- A parent provides a written statement requesting that their child be excused

- The district determines that the student has a conscientious objection to the recitation
- A parent is a representative of a foreign government to whom the U.S. government extends diplomatic immunity

[See policy EHBK(LEGAL) for more information.]

Reciting the Pledges to the U.S. and Texas Flags

A parent may request that their child be excused from participation in the daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag. The request must be made in writing.

State law, however, requires that all students participate in one minute of silence following recitation of the pledges.

[See Pledges of Allegiance and a Minute of Silence (All Grade Levels) and policy EC(LEGAL) for more information.]

Religious or Moral Beliefs

A parent may remove their child temporarily from the classroom if a scheduled instructional activity conflicts with the parent's religious or moral beliefs.

The removal may not be used to avoid a test and may not extend for an entire semester. The student must also satisfy grade-level and graduation requirements as determined by the school and by state law.

Tutoring or Test Preparation

A teacher may determine that a student needs additional targeted assistance for the student to achieve mastery in state-developed essential knowledge and skills based on:

- Informal observations
- Evaluative data such as grades earned on assignments or tests
- Results from diagnostic assessments

The school will always attempt to provide tutoring and strategies for test-taking in ways that prevent removal from other instruction as much as possible.

In accordance with state law and policy EC, districts must obtain parental permission before removing a student from a regularly scheduled class for remedial tutoring or test preparation for more than 10 percent of the days the class is offered.

If a district offers tutorial services to students, state law requires a student with a grade below 70 for a reporting period to attend.

[For questions about school-provided tutoring programs, contact the student's teacher and see policies EC and EHBC. See Standardized Testing for information regarding required accelerated instruction after a student fails to perform satisfactorily on certain state-mandated tests.]

Right of Access to Student Records, Instructional Materials, and District Records/Policies

Parent Review of Instructional Materials and Plan

A parent has the right to review teaching materials, textbooks, and other teaching aids and instructional materials used in the curriculum, and to examine tests that have been administered, whether instruction is delivered in-person, virtually, or remotely.

The district will make instructional materials available for parent review no later than 30 days before the school year begins and for at least 30 days after the school year ends. However, tests that have not yet been administered will not be made available for parent examination.

The district will provide login credentials to each student's parent for any learning management system or online learning portal used in instruction to facilitate parent access and review.

A parent is also entitled to request that the school allow the student to take home instructional materials the student uses. The school may ask the student to return the materials at the beginning of the next school day.

A school must provide printed versions of electronic instructional materials to a student if the student does not have reliable access to technology at home.

Teachers are required to provide a copy of the teacher's instructional plan or course syllabus for each class to the parent of each student enrolled in that class before the beginning of each semester. A parent may obtain additional copies of plan or syllabus by request made to the campus.

[For information about parental access to any online library catalog and library materials, including records of their child's checked out library materials, see Library (All Grade Levels).]

District Review of Instructional Materials

A parent may request that the district conduct an instructional material review in a math, English Language Arts, science, or social studies class in which the parent's student is enrolled to determine alignment with state standards and the level of rigor for the grade level.

The district is not required to conduct an instructional material review for a specific subject area or grade level at a specific campus more than once per school year.

For more information about requesting an instructional material review, contact Dr. Kristy Dietrich, Deputy Superintendent, kdietrich@splendoraisd.org, 281-689-4024.

Notices of Certain Student Misconduct to Noncustodial Parent

A noncustodial parent may request in writing that the district provide for the remainder of the school year a copy of any written notice usually provided to a parent related to the

child's misconduct that may involve placement in a disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP) or expulsion. [See the Student Code of Conduct and policy FO(LEGAL) for more information.]

Participation in Federally Required, State-Mandated, and District Assessments

In accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), a parent may request information regarding any federal, state, or district policy related to their child's participation in required assessments.

Student Records

Accessing Student Records

A parent may review their child's records, including:

- Attendance records
- Test scores
- Grades
- Disciplinary records
- Counseling records
- Psychological records
- Applications for admission
- Health and immunization information
- Other medical records
- Teacher and school counselor evaluations
- Reports of behavioral patterns
- Records relating to assistance provided for learning difficulties, including information collected regarding any intervention strategies used with the child, as the term "intervention strategy" is defined by law
- Records relating to school library materials the child obtains from a school library [See Library (All Grade Levels) for more information.]
- State assessment instruments that have been administered to the child
- Teaching materials and tests used in the child's classroom

Authorized Inspection and Use of Student Records

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and eligible students certain rights regarding student education records.

For purposes of student records, an "eligible" student is anyone age 18 or older or who attends a postsecondary educational institution. These rights, as discussed here and at Objecting to the Release of Directory Information, are the right to:

- Inspect and review student records within 45 days after the day the school receives a request for access
- Request an amendment to a student record the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of FERPA

- Provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information from the student's records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent
- [File a complaint](https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/file-a-complaint) (<https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/file-a-complaint>) with the U.S. Department of Education concerning failures by the school to comply with FERPA requirements

Both FERPA and state laws safeguard student records from unauthorized inspection or use and provide parents and eligible students certain rights of privacy.

Before disclosing personally identifiable information from a student's records, the district must verify the identity of the person, including a parent or the student, requesting the information.

Virtually all information about student performance, including grades, test results, and disciplinary records, is considered confidential educational records.

Inspection and release of student records is restricted to an eligible student or a student's parent unless the school receives a copy of a court order terminating parental rights or the right to access a student's education records. A parent's rights regarding access to student records are not affected by the parent's marital status.

Federal law requires that control of the records goes to the student as soon as the student meets at least one of the following criteria:

- Reaches the age of 18
- Is emancipated by a court
- Enrolls in a postsecondary educational institution

However, the parent may continue to have access to the records if the student is a dependent for tax purposes and, under limited circumstances, when there is a threat to the health and safety of the student or other individuals.

FERPA permits the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student's education records without written consent of the parent or eligible student when school officials have what federal law refers to as a "legitimate educational interest" in a student's records.

Legitimate educational interest may include:

- Working with the student
- Considering disciplinary or academic actions, the student's case, or an individualized education program for a student with disabilities
- Compiling statistical data
- Reviewing an educational record to fulfill the official's professional responsibility
- Investigating or evaluating programs

School officials may include:

- Board members and employees, such as the superintendent, administrators, and principals
- Teachers, school counselors, diagnosticians, and support staff (including district health or medical staff)
- A person or company with whom the district has contracted or allowed to provide a specific institutional service or function (such as an attorney, consultant, third-party vendor that offers online programs or software, auditor, medical consultant, therapist, school resource officer, or volunteer)
- A person appointed to serve on a team to support the district's safe and supportive school program
- A parent or student serving on a school committee
- A parent or student assisting a school official perform their duties

FERPA also permits the disclosure of personally identifiable information without written consent:

- To authorized representatives of various governmental agencies, including juvenile service providers, the U.S. Comptroller General's office, the U.S. Attorney General's office, the U.S. Secretary of Education, the Texas Education Agency, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's office, and Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworkers or, in certain cases, other child welfare representatives
- To individuals or entities granted access in response to a subpoena or court order
- To another school, district/system, or postsecondary educational institution to which a student seeks or intends to enroll or in which the student already is enrolled
- In connection with financial aid for which a student has applied or has received
- To accrediting organizations to carry out accrediting functions
- To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the school to develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; administer student aid programs; or improve instruction
- To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency
- When the district discloses directory information-designated details. [See *Objecting to the Release of Directory Information to prohibit this disclosure.*]

Release of personally identifiable information to any other person or agency — such as a prospective employer or for a scholarship application — will occur only with parental or student permission as appropriate.

The campus principal is the custodian of all records for currently enrolled students at the assigned school. The campus principal is the custodian of all records for students who have withdrawn or graduated.

A parent or eligible student who wants to inspect the student's records should submit a written request to the custodian of records identifying the records they want to inspect.

Records may be reviewed in person during regular school hours. The custodian of records or designee will be available to explain the record and to answer questions.

A parent or eligible student who submits a written request and pays copying costs of 10 cents per page may obtain copies. If circumstances prevent inspection during regular school hours and the student qualifies for free or reduced-price meals, the district will either provide a copy of the records requested or make other arrangements for the parent or student to review the records.

You may contact the custodian of records for currently enrolled students and for students who have withdrawn or graduated at:

Splendora High School	23747 FM 2090 Splendora, TX 77372; 281-689-8008
Splendora Junior High School	14395 Canopies Pkwy, Splendora, TX 77372 281-689-6343/2853
Coleman 6th Grade Campus	23411 FM 2090 Splendora, TX 77372; 281-689-4367
Greenleaf Elementary School	24050 Bright Sunshine Rd Splendora, TX 77372; 281-689-8020
Peach Creek Elementary School	16488 S. Tram Rd., Splendora, TX 77372 281-689-3114/3115
Piney Woods Elementary School	23395 FM 2090 Splendora, TX 77372; 281-689-3073
Timber Lakes Elementary School	15450 Harrington Dr. New Caney, TX 77357; 281-689-4375

A parent or eligible student may inspect the student's records and request a correction or amendment if the records are considered inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights.

A request to correct a student's record should be submitted to the appropriate custodian of records. The request must clearly identify the part of the record that should be corrected and include an explanation of how the information is inaccurate. If the district denies the request to amend the records, the parent or eligible student has the right to request a hearing. If after the hearing the records are not amended, the parent or eligible student has 30 school days to place a statement in the student's record.

Although improperly recorded grades may be challenged, contesting a student's grade in a course or on an examination is handled through the complaint process found in policy FNG(LOCAL). A grade issued by a teacher can be changed only if the board of trustees determines that the grade is arbitrary, erroneous, or inconsistent with the district's grading guidelines.

[See Report Cards/Progress Reports and Conferences (All Grade Levels), Complaints and Concerns (All Grade Levels), and Finality of Grades at policy FNG(LEGAL)]

The district's student records policy is found at policy FL(LEGAL) and FL(LOCAL) and is available at the principal's or superintendent's office or on the district's website at <https://pol.tasb.org/Home/Index/913>.

Note: The parent's or eligible student's right of access to and copies of student records does not extend to all records. Materials that are not considered educational records — such as a teacher's personal notes about a student shared only with a substitute teacher — do not have to be made available.

Teacher and Staff Professional Qualifications

A parent may request information about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers, including whether the teacher:

- Has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction
- Has an emergency permit or other provisional status for which state requirements have been waived
- Is currently teaching in the field or discipline of their certification

The parent also has the right to request information about the qualifications of any paraprofessional who may provide services to the child.

A Student with Exceptionalities or Special Circumstances

Children of Military Families

[The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children](https://www.dodea.edu/education/partnership-and-resources/military-interstate-compact) (<https://www.dodea.edu/education/partnership-and-resources/military-interstate-compact>) entitles children of military families to flexibility regarding certain district and state requirements, including:

- Immunization requirements
- Grade level, course, or educational program placement
- Eligibility requirements for participation in extracurricular activities
- Enrollment in virtual or hybrid courses offered by the district or another district or school
- Graduation requirements

The district will excuse absences related to a student visiting a parent, including a stepparent or legal guardian, who is:

- Called to active duty
- On leave
- Returning from a deployment of at least four months

The district will permit **no more than five** excused absences per year for this purpose. For the absence to be excused, the absence must occur no earlier than the 60th day before deployment or no later than the 30th day after the parent's return from deployment.

More information is available at [Military Family Resources at the Texas Education Agency](https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/other-services/military-family-resources) (<https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/other-services/military-family-resources>).

Parental Role in Certain Classroom and School Assignments

Multiple-Birth Siblings

State law permits a parent of multiple-birth siblings (for example, twins, triplets) assigned to the same grade and campus to request in writing that the children be placed in either the same classroom or separate classrooms.

Written requests must be submitted by the 14th day after the students' enrollment. [See policy FDB(LEGAL) for more information.]

Safety Transfers/Assignments

The board or its designee will honor a parent's request to transfer their child to another classroom or campus if the district has determined that the child has been a victim of bullying, including cyberbullying, as defined by Education Code 37.0832.

The board may transfer a student who has engaged in bullying to another classroom. The board will consult with the parent of a child who has engaged in bullying before deciding to transfer the child to another campus.

Transportation is not provided for a transfer to another campus. See the campus principal for more information.

[See Bullying (All Grade Levels), and policies FDB and FFI for more information.]

The district will honor a parent's request for the transfer of their child to a safe public school in the district if the child attends a school identified by the Texas Education Agency as persistently dangerous or if the child has been a victim of a violent criminal offense while at school or on school grounds.

[See policy FDE for more information.]

The board will honor a parent's request for the transfer of their child to another district campus or a neighboring district if the child has been the victim of sexual assault by another student assigned to the same campus, whether the assault occurred on or off campus, and that student has been convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication for the assault. In accordance with policy FDE, if the victim does not wish to transfer, the board will transfer the assailant.

Student Use of a Service/Assistance Animal

A parent of a student who uses a service/assistance animal because of the student's disability must submit a written request to the principal before bringing the service/assistance animal on campus. The district will try to accommodate a request as soon as possible but will do so within 10 district business days.

A Student in the Conservatorship of the State (Foster Care)

In an effort to provide educational stability, the district will provide enrollment and registration assistance, as well as other educational services throughout the student's enrollment, to any student who is currently placed or newly placed in foster care

(temporary or permanent custody of the state, sometimes referred to as substitute care).

A student in the conservatorship (custody) of the state who enrolls in the district after the beginning of the school year will be allowed credit-by-examination opportunities at any point during the year.

The district will assess the student's available records to determine transfer of credit for subjects and courses taken before the student's enrollment in the district.

The district will award partial course credit when the student only passes one half of a two-half course. [For provisions on partial course credit for students who are not in the conservatorship of the state, see EI(LOCAL).]

A student in the conservatorship of the state who is moved outside the district's or school's attendance boundaries — or who is initially placed in the conservatorship of the state and moved outside the district's or school's boundaries — is entitled to remain at the school the student was attending before the placement or move until the student reaches the highest grade level at that particular school.

If a student in grade 11 or 12 transfers to another district but does not meet the graduation requirements of the receiving district, the student can request a diploma from the previous district if the student meets its graduation criteria.

For a student in the conservatorship of the state who is eligible for a tuition and fee exemption under state law and likely to be in care on the day preceding the student's 18th birthday, the district will:

- Assist the student with the completion of applications for admission or financial aid
- Arrange for and accompany the student on campus visits
- Assist in researching and applying for private or institution-sponsored scholarships
- Identify whether the student is a candidate for appointment to a military academy
- Assist the student in registering and preparing for college entrance examinations, including (subject to the availability of funds) arranging for the payment of examination fees by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)
- Coordinate contact between the student and a liaison officer for students formerly in the conservatorship of the state

If you have questions, please contact the district's foster care liaison:

Tamara Abke
Counseling and Wellness Director
tabke@splendoraisd.org
281-689-4490

[See Credit by Examination for Advancement/Acceleration — If a Student Has Not Taken the Course/Subject and Course Credit (Secondary Grade Levels Only)]

A Student Who Is Homeless

A parent is encouraged to inform the district if their child is experiencing homelessness. District staff can share resources that may be able to assist families.

Please also check the campus website for information related to services available in the area that can help families who are homeless.

A student who is homeless will be provided flexibility regarding certain district provisions, including:

- Proof of residency requirements
- Immunization requirements
- Educational program placement (if the student is unable to provide previous academic records or misses an application deadline during a period of homelessness)
- Credit-by-examination opportunities at any point during the year (if the student enrolled in the district after the beginning of the school year), per State Board of Education (SBOE) rules
- Assessment of the student's available records to determine transfer of credit for subjects and courses taken before the student's enrollment in the district
- Awarding partial credit when a student passes only one half of a two-half course
- Eligibility requirements for participation in extracurricular activities
- Graduation requirements

Federal law allows a student who is homeless to remain enrolled in the "school of origin" or to enroll in a new school in the attendance area where the student is currently residing.

If a student who is homeless in grade 11 or 12 transfers to another district but does not meet the graduation requirements of the receiving district, state law allows the student to request a diploma from the previous district if the student meets the criteria to graduate from the previous district.

A student or parent who is dissatisfied by the district's eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision may appeal through policy FNG(LOCAL). The district will expedite local timelines, when possible, for prompt dispute resolution.

For more information on services for students who are homeless, contact the district's homeless education liaison:

Tamara Abke
Counseling and Wellness Director
tabke@splendoraisd.org
281-689-4490

[See Credit by Examination for Advancement/Acceleration — If a Student Has Not Taken the Course/Subject and Course Credit (Secondary Grade Levels Only)]

A Student Who Has Learning Difficulties or Who Needs Special Education or Section 504 Services

For those students who are having difficulty in the regular classroom, all school districts must consider tutorial, compensatory, and other academic or behavior support services that are available to all students through the district's multi-tiered system of academic and behavioral supports (MTSS). The provision of these intervention and support services, which might include (RTI) process, can have an impact on the ability of district to meet the needs of all students.

If a student is experiencing learning difficulties, their parent may contact the individuals listed below to learn about the school's overall general education referral or screening system for support services.

This system links students to a variety of support options, including making a referral for a special education evaluation or for a Section 504 evaluation to determine whether the student needs specific aids, accommodations, or services. A parent may request an evaluation for special education or Section 504 services at any time.

Special Education Referrals

If a parent makes a written request for an initial evaluation for special education services to the director of special education services or to a district administrative employee of the school district, the district must respond no later than 15 school days after receiving the request. At that time, the district must give the parent prior written notice of whether it agrees or refuses to evaluate the student, along with a copy of the [Notice of Procedural Safeguards](https://fw.escapps.net/Display_Portal/publications) (https://fw.escapps.net/Display_Portal/publications). If the district agrees to evaluate the student, it must also give the parent the opportunity to give written consent for the evaluation.

Note: A request for a special education evaluation may be made verbally; it does not need to be made in writing. Districts must still comply with all federal prior-written notices and procedural safeguard requirements as well as the requirements for identifying, locating, and evaluating children who are suspected of having a disability and in need of special education. However, a verbal request does not require the district to respond within the 15 school-day timeline.

If the district decides to evaluate the student, it must complete the student's initial evaluation and evaluation report no later than 45 school days from the day it receives a parent's written consent. However, if the student is absent from school during the evaluation period for three or more school days, the evaluation period will be extended by the number of school days equal to the number of school days that the student is absent.

There is an exception to the 45-school-day timeline. If the district receives a parent's consent for the initial evaluation at least 35 but less than 45 school days before the last

instructional day of the school year, it must complete the written report and provide a copy of the report to the parent by June 30 of that year. However, if the student is absent from school for three or more days during the evaluation period, the June 30 due date no longer applies. Instead, the general timeline of 45 school days plus extensions for absences of three or more days will apply.

Upon completing the evaluation, the district must give the parent a copy of the evaluation report at no cost.

Additional information about special education is available from the school district in a companion document titled [Parent's Guide to the Admission, Review, and Dismissal Process](https://fw.escapps.net/Display_Portal/publications) (https://fw.escapps.net/Display_Portal/publications).

Contact Person for Special Education Referrals

The designated contact person regarding options for a student experiencing learning difficulties or regarding a referral for evaluation for special education services is:

Shannon Wallace
Executive Director of Special Services
23419 FM 2090
Splendora, TX 77372
281-689-4357
sewallace@splendoraisd.org

For questions about post-secondary transitions, including the transition from education to employment, for students receiving special education services, contact the district's transition and employment designee:

Shannon Wallace
Executive Director of Special Services
23419 FM 2090
Splendora, TX 77372
281-689-4357
sewallace@splendoraisd.org

Section 504 Referrals

Each school district must have standards and procedures in place for the evaluation and placement of students in the district's Section 504 program. Districts must also implement a system of procedural safeguards that includes:

- Notice
- An opportunity for a parent or guardian to examine relevant records
- An impartial hearing with an opportunity for participation by the parent or guardian and representation by counsel
- A review procedure

Contact Person for Section 504 Referrals

The designated person to contact regarding options for a student experiencing learning difficulties or regarding a referral for evaluation for Section 504 services is:

Shannon Wallace
Executive Director of Special Services
23419 FM 2090
Splendora, TX 77372
281-689-4357
sewallace@splendoraisd.org

[See A Student with Physical or Mental Impairments Protected under Section 504]

Visit these websites for information regarding students with disabilities and the family:

- [Legal Framework for the Child-Centered Special Education Process](https://fw.escapps.net/Display_Portal?destination=/) (https://fw.escapps.net/Display_Portal?destination=/)
- [Partner Resource Network](http://prntexas.org/) (<http://prntexas.org/>)
- [SPEDTEX: Special Education Information Center](https://www.spedtex.org/) (<https://www.spedtex.org/>)
- [Texas First Project](http://www.texasprojectfirst.org/) (<http://www.texasprojectfirst.org/>)
- [TEA Special Education Parent and Family Resources](https://tea.texas.gov/academics/special-student-populations/special-education/parent-and-family-resources) (<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/special-student-populations/special-education/parent-and-family-resources>)

Notification to Parents of Intervention Strategies for Learning Difficulties Provided to Students in General Education

In accordance with state law, the district will annually notify parents if their child receives assistance for learning difficulties. Details of such assistance can include intervention strategies. This notice is not intended for those students already enrolled in a special education program.

Texas Driving with Disability Program

In accordance with state law, the district will provide notification of the Texas Driving with Disability Program to students who have a health condition or disability that may impede effective communication with a peace officer and receive special education or are covered by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. This notification will be provided annually to an eligible student aged 16 years or older until the student's graduation or 21st birthday and to the student's parents.

The Texas Driving with Disability Program focuses on improving the interaction between law enforcement and drivers with disabilities that have unique communication needs.

A Student Who Receives Special Education Services with Other School-Aged Children in the Home

If a student is receiving special education services at a campus outside their attendance zone, state law permits the parent or guardian to request that other students residing in

the household be transferred to the same campus if the grade level for the transferring student is offered on that campus.

The student receiving special education services is entitled to transportation; however, the district is not required to provide transportation to other children in the household.

The parent or guardian should contact the school principal regarding transportation needs before requesting a transfer for other children in the home. [See policy FDB(LOCAL) for more information.]

A Student Who Speaks a Primary Language Other than English

A student may be eligible to receive specialized support if their primary language is not English and the student has difficulty performing ordinary class work in English.

If the student qualifies for these services, the Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) will determine the types of services the student needs, including accommodations or modifications related to classroom instruction, local assessments, and state-mandated assessments.

[See Emergent Bilingual Students (All Grade Levels) and Special Programs (All Grade Levels)]

A Student with Physical or Mental Impairments Protected under Section 504

A student with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity, as defined by law — and who does not otherwise qualify for special education services — may qualify for protections under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Section 504 is a federal law designed to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

When an evaluation is requested, a committee will be formed to determine whether the student needs services and supports under Section 504 in order to receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE), as defined in federal law.

[See A Student Who Has Learning Difficulties or Who Needs Special Education or Section 504 Services and policy FB for more information.]

Section Two: Other Important Information for Parents and Students

This section contains important information on academics, school activities, and school operations and requirements.

It is organized alphabetically to serve as a quick-reference guide. Where applicable, the topics are further organized by grade level.

Parents and children should take a moment together to become familiar with the issues addressed in this section. For guidance on a particular topic, please contact your campus principal.

Absences/Attendance

Regular school attendance is essential. Absences from class may result in serious disruption of a student's education. The student and parent should avoid unnecessary absences.

Two important state laws are discussed below — one dealing with compulsory attendance and the other with how attendance affects the award of a student's final grade or course credit.

Compulsory Attendance

Prekindergarten and Kindergarten

Students enrolled in prekindergarten or kindergarten are required to attend school and are subject to the compulsory attendance requirements as long as they remain enrolled.

Ages 6-18

State law requires that a student who is at least six years of age, or who is younger than six years of age and has previously been enrolled in first grade, and who has not yet reached their 19th birthday, shall attend school, as well as any applicable accelerated instruction program, extended-year program, or tutorial session, unless the student is otherwise excused from attendance or legally exempt.

A student will be required to attend any assigned accelerated instruction program before or after school or during the summer if the student does not meet the passing standards on an applicable subject area state assessment.

Age 19 and Older

A student who voluntarily attends or enrolls after their 19th birthday is required to attend each school day until the end of the school year. If the student incurs more than five unexcused absences in a semester, the district may revoke the student's enrollment. The student's presence on school property thereafter would be unauthorized and may be considered trespassing. [See policy FEA for more information.]

Compulsory Attendance — Exemptions

All Grade Levels

State law allows exemptions to the compulsory attendance requirements, as long as the student makes up all work, for the following activities and events:

- Religious holy days
- Required court appearances
- Appearing at a governmental office to obtain U.S. citizenship
- Taking part in a US naturalization oath ceremony
- Serving as an election clerk
- Qualifying (including partial-day rule) health-care appointments for the student or a child of the student with a doctor's note, including absences related to autism services and mental health appointments
- Absences resulting from a serious or life-threatening illness or related treatment that makes a student's attendance infeasible, with certification by a physician on the district's form
- Absences for attendance in a released time course in religious instruction
- For students in the conservatorship of the state:
 - An activity required under a court-ordered service plan
 - Any other court-ordered activity, provided it is not practicable to schedule the student's participation in the activity outside of school hours

For children of military families, absences of up to five days will be excused for a student to visit a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian going to, on leave from, or returning from certain deployments. [See Children of Military Families]

Note that documented health-care appointments may include telehealth appointments. Students who are physically on campus will not be allowed to participate in telehealth or other online appointments without specific authorization from an appropriate administrator. Students should not use district-issued technology, including Wi-Fi or internet, for telehealth appointments because use of district-owned equipment and its network systems is not private and may be monitored by the district. For more information, see Personal Communications and Other Electronic Devices (All Grade Levels).

Secondary Grade Levels

The district will allow a student who is 15 years of age or older to be absent for one day to obtain a learner license and one day to obtain a driver's license, provided that the board has authorized such excused absences under policy FEA(LOCAL). The student will be required to provide documentation of the visit to the driver's license office for each absence and must make up any work missed.

[See Driver License Attendance Verification (Secondary Grade Levels Only)]

The district will allow junior and senior students to be absent for up to two days per year to visit a college or university if the following conditions are met:

- The board has authorized such excused absences under policy FEA(LOCAL)
- The principal has approved the student's absence
- The student follows campus procedures to verify the visit and makes up any work missed

The district will allow a student 17 years old or older to be absent for up to four days during the period the student is enrolled in high school to pursue enlistment in the U.S. armed services or Texas National Guard, provided the student verifies these activities to the district.

The district will allow a student to be absent for up to two days during the student's junior year and two days during the student's senior year for a career investigation day to visit a professional at that individual's workplace to determine the student's interest in pursuing a career in the professional's field, provided the student verifies these activities to the district.

The district will allow a student to be absent for up to two days per school year to serve as:

- An early voting clerk, if the district's board has authorized this in policy FEA(LOCAL), the student notifies their teachers, and the student receives approval from the principal prior to the absences
- An election clerk, if the student makes up any work missed

The district will allow a student in grades 6-12 to be absent for the purpose of sounding "Taps" at a military honors funeral for a deceased veteran.

Compulsory Attendance — Failure to Comply

All Grade Levels

School employees must investigate and report violations of the compulsory attendance law.

A student who is absent without permission from school, any class, any required special program, or any required tutorial will be considered in violation of the compulsory attendance law and subject to disciplinary action.

Students with Disabilities

If a student with a disability is experiencing attendance issues, the student's ARD or Section 504 committee will determine whether the attendance issues warrant an evaluation, a reevaluation, and/or modifications to the student's individualized education program or Section 504 plan, as appropriate.

Ages 6-18

When a student age 6-18 incurs three or more unexcused absences within a four-week period, the law requires the school to send notice to the parent.

The notice will:

- Remind the parent of their duty to monitor the student's attendance and require the student to attend school
- Request a conference between school administrators and the parent
- Inform the parent that the district will initiate truancy prevention measures, including a behavior improvement plan, school-based community service, referrals to counseling or other social services, or other appropriate measures

The truancy prevention facilitator for the district is:

Mary Pacheco
 Truancy Officer
 23419 FM 2090, Splendora, TX 77372
 mpacheco@splendoraisd.org
 281-689-4379

For any questions about student absences, parents should contact the facilitator or any other campus administrator.

A court of law may impose penalties against the parent if a school-aged student is deliberately not attending school. The district may file a complaint against the parent if the student incurs 10 or more unexcused absences within a six-month period in the same school year.

If a student age 12-18 incurs 10 or more unexcused absences within a six-month period in the same school year, the district, in most circumstances, will refer the student to truancy court.

[See policies FEA(LEGAL) and FED(LEGAL) for more information.]

Age 19 and Older

After a student age 19 or older incurs a third unexcused absence, the district is required by law to send the student a letter explaining that the district may revoke the student's enrollment for the remainder of the school year if the student has more than five unexcused absences in a semester. As an alternative to revoking a student's enrollment, the district may implement a behavior improvement plan.

Attendance for Credit or Final Grade (All Grade Levels)

To receive credit or a final grade in a class, a student must attend the class at least 90 percent of the days it is offered. A student who attends at least 75 percent but fewer than 90 percent of the days may receive credit or a final grade if they complete a plan, approved by the principal, that allows the student to fulfill the class's instructional requirements. If a student is involved in a criminal or juvenile court proceeding, the judge presiding over the case must also approve the plan before the student receives credit or a final grade.

If a student attends fewer than 75 percent of the class days or does not complete the principal-approved plan, then the attendance review committee will determine whether

there are extenuating circumstances for the absences and how the student can regain credit or a final grade. [See policy FEC for more information.]

Except for absences due to serious or life-threatening illness or related treatment, all absences, excused or unexcused, may be held against a student's attendance requirement. To determine whether there were extenuating circumstances for any absences, the attendance committee will consider:

- Whether the student has mastered the essential knowledge and skills and maintained passing grades in the course or subject.
- Whether the student has completed makeup work satisfactorily. If the student completes makeup work, absences listed under Compulsory Attendance — Exemptions and absences for extracurricular activities will be considered extenuating circumstances.
- Whether the student or the student's parent had any control over the absences.
- Any information presented by the student or parent to the committee about the absences.

The student or parent may appeal the committee's decision to the board by following policy FNG(LOCAL).

Official Attendance-Taking Time (All Grade Levels)

The district will take official attendance every day at 9:30 AM at all elementary campuses, the 6th grade campus, and the junior high campus. The district will take official attendance every day at 9:00 AM at the high school campus.

A student absent for any portion of the day should follow the procedures below to provide documentation of the absence.

Documentation After an Absence (All Grade Levels)

A parent must provide an explanation for any absence when the student arrives or returns to school. A parent must provide documentation within three days as to why the student was absent. The student must submit a note signed by the parent to the attendance office. An excuse may also be submitted via Skyward or emailed to the Attendance Clerk. Each campus will excuse 3 parent notes per semester. Up to three (3) consecutive absences with one note will be allowed. If students are absent for more than three days, parent must present a doctor's note, or have the parent note excused by the campus administrator. After the 3rd parent note received for the semester, the absence/s must be approved by campus administrator or will be marked as unexcused. All absences without excuse will be marked unexcused. A note signed by the student will not be accepted unless the student is age 18 or older or is an emancipated minor under state law. The campus will document in its attendance records whether the absence is excused or unexcused. The campus reserves the right to require a written note.

Excused Absences

Proper documentation regarding the following reasons must be provided for an absence to be excused.

- Student Illness
- Funeral for a family member
- Emergency in immediate family
- Illness of the student's child
- Sent home by school nurse
- Authorized by school sponsored activities. A student may receive excused absences for participating in off- campus activities. Without the permission of the student's assistant principal, a student will not be permitted to participate in activities that would result in the student being absent from any class more than 10 times a school year.
- Ongoing medical or psychiatric treatment
- Olympic-caliber competition (with application approved by principal; up to 10 days per school year)
- Homeland security and visa appointment (passport/INS/visa/residency; with documentation requiring appearance and proof of attendance).
- Any other absences considered to be exemptions from compulsory attendance.

Unexcused Absences

An absence for any reason other than those listed above under Excused Absences shall be classified as unexcused. Absences that are initially classified as unexcused may be changed to excused if the parent/guardian sends or emails a note to the attendance office stating the reason, within three school days after returning from the absence. Campus administrators may review extenuating circumstances other than those listed above and determine if they may be excused. The campus will document in its attendance records whether the absence is excused or unexcused.

Note: The district is not required to excuse any absence, even if the parent provides a note explaining the absence, unless the absence is an exemption under compulsory attendance laws.

Doctor's Note After an Absence for Illness (All Grade Levels)

Within three days of returning to school, a student who is absent for more than three consecutive days because of a personal illness must bring a statement from a doctor or health clinic verifying the illness or condition that caused the absence. Otherwise, the absence may be considered unexcused and in violation of compulsory attendance laws.

If the student develops a questionable pattern of absences, the principal or attendance committee may require a statement from a doctor or health clinic verifying the illness or condition that caused the absence to determine whether an absence will be excused or unexcused.

Certification of Absence Due to Severe Illness or Treatment

If a student is absent because of a serious or life-threatening illness or related treatment that makes a student's attendance infeasible, a parent must provide certification from a physician licensed to practice in Texas specifying the student's illness and the anticipated period of absence related to the illness or treatment on the district's form. A parent may access the required form by contacting the campus nurse directly or visiting www.splendoraisd.org.

Arriving to School Late/Leaving School Early/Leaving Campus Early

A student who is consistently late to school and/or leaves early could be subject to disciplinary action and have truancy filed against the student or parent.

Tardiness

A student who is tardy to school or to class may be assigned disciplinary action in accordance with the District's Code of Conduct.

College Visits

High school students who meet the following criteria will be allowed to have one (1) excused day of absence per semester for a college visit during their junior and senior years:

- The student must have passed the required parts of the STAAR/EOC test for the previous year.
- The student must be on track to graduate on time.
- The student is classified as a junior or senior based upon credits earned.
- The student is passing all course work.
- The student has no truancy or other attendance problems.
- The student is not in a DAEP placement or assigned to a JJAEP.

Students must submit a written request at least two days prior to the day requested for a college visit so that eligibility criteria for an excused day of absence can be verified and approval granted prior to the student participating in a college visit. Approval will not be granted for a college visit on a day when major examinations are scheduled, and no partial days will be approved. If prior approval is granted, verification of the visit must be submitted for the absence to be recorded as excused. If the college visit cannot be made on the date specified on the approved written request, a new request form must be submitted for consideration.

Field Trip Absences

Students participating in a field trip during school hours will not be counted as absent. Work missed for such activities is eligible for make-up, as are days missed for UIL competitions. Prior approval must be given for all students participating in a field trip. Students who are failing any class, or who have poor or unsatisfactory conduct/attendance, may not participate in a field trip or UIL activity. It will be the responsibility of the teacher or coach sponsoring the field trip or UIL activity to check all forms and student eligibility prior to the trip. Students who are failing a class do not have permission to miss that class for a field trip or UIL activity during school hours.

Off Campus Athletics

Off-campus permits for students participating in off-campus credit programs will be issued by the campus. A permission slip must be on file with campus administration granting permission for the student to leave campus during the school day.

Leaving School Early Due to Illness

If a student becomes ill while at school, the student should get a nurse's pass from his/her classroom teacher to go to the clinic. Under no circumstances are students permitted to leave school without proper authorization. A student leaving school for any reason must sign out in the office. Failure to follow the procedure will warrant disciplinary action for truancy.

Driver License Attendance Verification (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

A currently enrolled student seeking a driver's license shall submit the Texas Department of Public Safety Verification of Enrollment and Attendance Form (VOE), signed by the parent, to the campus central office at least 10 days before it is needed. The district will issue a VOE only if the student meets class credit or attendance requirements. The [VOE form](https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/driver/forms/VOE.pdf) (<https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/driver/forms/VOE.pdf>) is available online.

More information is available on the [Texas Department of Public Safety website](https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/driver-license/how-apply-texas-driver-license-teen) (<https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/driver-license/how-apply-texas-driver-license-teen>).

[See Compulsory Attendance — Exemptions for Secondary Grade Levels for information on excused absences for obtaining a learner license or driver's license.]

Accountability under State and Federal Law (All Grade Levels)

Splendora Independent School District and each of its campuses are held to certain standards of accountability under state and federal law. A key component of accountability is the dissemination and publication of certain reports and information, including:

- The Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) for the district, compiled by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), based on academic factors and ratings
- A School Report Card (SRC) for each campus in the district, compiled by TEA
- The district's financial management report, which includes the financial accountability rating assigned to the district by TEA
- Information compiled by TEA for the submission of a federal report card that is required by federal law

Accountability information can be found on the district's website at www.splendoraisd.org. Hard copies of any reports are available upon request to the district's administration office.

TEA maintains additional accountability and accreditation information at [TEA Performance Reporting Division](https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/accountability/academic-accountability/performance-reporting) (<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/accountability/academic-accountability/performance-reporting>).

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test (Grades 10-12)

A student in grades 10-12 will be offered an opportunity to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test and consult with a military recruiter. Contact the principal for information about this opportunity.

Awards and Honors (All Grade Levels)

Contact the campus principal for information.

Bullying (All Grade Levels)

The district strives to prevent bullying, in accordance with the district's policies, by promoting a positive school culture; building healthy relationships between students and staff; encouraging reporting of bullying incidents, including anonymous reporting; and investigating and addressing reported bullying incidents.

Bullying is defined in state law as a single significant act or a pattern of acts by one or more students directed at another student that exploits an imbalance of power and involves engaging in written or verbal expression, expression through electronic means, or physical conduct that:

- Has the effect or will have the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or of damage to the student's property
- Is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive enough that the action or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for a student
- Materially and substantially disrupts the educational process or the orderly operation of a classroom or school
- Infringes on the rights of the victim at school

Bullying includes cyberbullying. Cyberbullying is defined in state law as bullying that is done using any electronic communication device, including:

- A cellular or other type of telephone
- A computer
- A camera
- Electronic mail
- Instant messaging
- Text messaging
- A social media application
- An internet website
- Any other internet-based communication tool

Bullying is prohibited by the district and could include:

- Hazing
- Threats
- Taunting
- Teasing
- Confinement
- Assault
- Demands for money
- Destruction of property
- Theft of valued possessions
- Name-calling
- Rumor-spreading
- Ostracism

The district will integrate into instruction research-based content designed to reduce bullying that is appropriate for students' age groups.

Students in elementary grades will participate in:

- Instruction designed so that students can recognize bullying behaviors and how to report them
- Age-appropriate discussions that encourage peers to intervene when they observe bullying occur
- Instruction that characterizes bullying as a behavior that results from the student's need to acquire more mature social or coping skills, not an unchangeable trait

Students in secondary grades will participate in:

- Instruction on the brain's ability to change and grow so the student recognizes bullying behavior can come from a developmental need to acquire more social skills, can change when the brain matures and learns better ways of coping, and is not an unchangeable trait

- Discussions that portray bullying as undesirable behavior and a means for attaining or maintaining social status at school, and that discourage students from using bullying as a tool for social status
- Instruction designed so that students recognize the role that reporting bullying behaviors plays in promoting a safe school community

The district will use an age-appropriate survey about school culture that includes relevant questions on bullying to identify and address student concerns.

Each campus has a committee that addresses bullying by focusing on prevention efforts and health and wellness initiatives. The committee will include parents and secondary students. For more information on this committee, including interest in serving on the committee, contact the campus principal.

If a student believes that they have experienced bullying or witnessed the bullying of another student, the student or parent should notify a teacher, school counselor, principal, or another district employee as soon as possible. Any district employee aware of a report of a bullying incident will relay the report to an appropriate administrator. Procedures for reporting allegations of bullying may be found on the district's website.

A student may anonymously report an alleged incident of bullying by using the tip line under **Let's Talk** on the school district website at www.splendoraisd.org.

The administration will investigate any allegations of bullying and related misconduct. The district will also provide notice to the parent of the alleged victim and the parent of the student alleged to have engaged in bullying.

If an investigation determines that bullying occurred, the administration will take appropriate disciplinary action and may, in certain circumstances, notify law enforcement. Disciplinary or other action may be taken even if the conduct did not meet the definition of bullying.

The district will provide research-based interventions, which may include counseling options, for students who engage in bullying behaviors, students who are targeted by bullying behaviors, and any student who witnessed bullying behaviors.

Any action taken in response to bullying will comply with state and federal law regarding students with disabilities.

Any retaliation against a student who reports an incident of bullying is prohibited.

Upon recommendation of the administration, the board may transfer a student found to have engaged in bullying to another classroom at the campus. In consultation with the student's parent, the board may transfer the student to another campus in the district.

The parent of a student who has been determined to be a victim of bullying may request that the student be transferred to another classroom or campus within the district. [See Safety Transfers/Assignments]

A copy of the district's bullying policy is available in the principal's office, superintendent's office, and on the district's website, and is included at the end of this handbook as an [appendix](#).

A student or parent who is dissatisfied with the outcome of an investigation may appeal through policy FNG(LOCAL).

[See Safety Transfers/Assignments, Dating Violence, Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (All Grade Levels), Hazing (All Grade Levels), policy FFI, the district's Student Code of Conduct, and the district improvement plan, a copy of which can be viewed in the campus office.]

Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Other Work-Based Programs (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

The district offers career and technical education work-based programs in the following areas:

- Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources;
- Architecture & Construction;
- Arts, Audio Visual & Communication;
- Business Marketing & Finance;
- Manufacturing;
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics;
- Education & Training;
- Health Science;
- Hospitality & Tourism;
- Human Services;
- Information Technology;
- Engineering;
- Law & Public Service;

Admission to these programs is based on prerequisites, approval from a teacher and/or administrator.

District policy prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

District policy also prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

The district will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission or participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX coordinator and the ADA/Section 504 coordinator.

[See Nondiscrimination Statement (All Grade Levels) for the name and contact information for the Title IX coordinator and ADA/Section 504 coordinator.]

Celebrations (All Grade Levels)

Although a parent or grandparent may provide food to share for a school-designated function or for a student's birthday, please be aware that children in the school may have severe allergies to certain food products. Discuss any classroom allergies with the teacher before bringing food to share. All food items must be store-bought and may not be homemade. Food will be distributed to students at the end of the school day.

Occasionally, the school or a class may host functions or celebrations tied to the curriculum that involve food. The school or teacher will notify students and parents of any known food allergies when soliciting potential volunteers to provide food.

[See Food Allergies (All Grade Levels)]

Child Abuse, Neglect, School Staff Misconduct, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children (All Grade Levels)

The district has established a plan for addressing child abuse, neglect, school staff misconduct, trafficking, and other maltreatment of children, which may be initiated by contacting the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)/Child Protective Services (CPS). The plan is available in the counselor's office at each campus or online at www.splendoraisd.org. Abuse includes physical abuse, including sexual abuse, and mental and emotional abuse. Trafficking includes both sex and labor trafficking.

Duty to Report

Anyone who suspects that a child has been or may be abused or neglected has a legal responsibility, under state law, to report the suspected abuse or neglect to law enforcement or to Child Protective Services (CPS). See below for information about how to report and respond to allegations of child abuse or neglect.

Possible Warning Signs of Child Abuse, Neglect, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children

Physical abuse

Possible warning signs of physical abuse include:

- Frequent injuries such as bruises, cuts, black eyes, or burns without adequate explanations
- Frequent complaints of pain without apparent injury

- Burns or bruises in unusual patterns that may indicate the use of an instrument or human bite; cigarette burns on any part of the body
- Lack of reaction to pain
- Extreme fear of going home or seeing parents
- Injuries that appear after a child has not been seen for several days
- Unseasonable clothing that may hide injuries to arms or legs

Sexual Abuse

Possible warning signs of sexual abuse include:

- Physical signs of sexually transmitted diseases
- Evidence of injury to the genital area
- Pregnancy in a young girl
- Difficulty in sitting or walking
- Extreme fear of being alone with adults of a certain sex
- Sexual comments, behaviors, or play beyond what is considered age-appropriate behavior
- Knowledge of sexual relations beyond what is expected for a child's age
- Sexual victimization of other children

Children and adolescents who have experienced dating violence may show similar physical, behavioral, and emotional warning signs. [See Dating Violence, Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (All Grade Levels) and Consent to Instruction on Prevention of Child Abuse, Family Violence, Dating Violence, and Sex Trafficking]

Emotional Abuse

Possible warning signs of emotional abuse include:

- Over-compliance or low self-esteem caused by scapegoating or verbal abuse by caregivers
- Severe depression, anxiety, or aggression
- Lag in physical, emotional, and intellectual development
- Indicators of a caregiver who belittles the child, withholds love, and seems unconcerned about the child's problems
- Significant changes to behavior, such as withdrawal or over-aggression
- Significant changes to weight, such as substantial weight gain or weight loss

Neglect

Possible warning signs of neglect include:

- Obvious malnourishment
- Consistent lack of personal hygiene that poses a health risk
- Stealing or begging for food
- Child unattended for long periods of time
- Unaddressed need for dental care or other medical attention

School Staff Misconduct

Possible warning signs of school staff misconduct include:

- Inappropriate boundaries or communications with a student, including inappropriate relationships
- Violating school or district communication policies, such as improper use of messaging apps or social media
- Showing favoritism toward certain students in a way that compromises fairness or student well-being
- Creating, using, or sharing inappropriate AI-generated images involving students or staff
- Neglecting, abusing, or physically harming a student
- Providing alcohol or drugs to a student
- Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs while on school property or during school activities
- Possessing a weapon on school property or during school activities
- Committing a felony
- Engaging in fraudulent or deceptive practices involving the school system or State Board of Education Certification (SBEC)

Description and Warning Signs of Trafficking

Child trafficking of any sort is prohibited by the Penal Code. Sex trafficking involves forcing a person, including a child, into sexual abuse, assault, indecency, prostitution, or pornography. Labor trafficking involves forcing a person, including a child, to engage in forced labor or services.

Traffickers are often trusted members of a child's community, such as friends, romantic partners, family members, mentors, and coaches. Some traffickers contact victims online.

Possible warning signs of sexual trafficking in children include:

- Changes in school attendance, habits, friend groups, vocabulary, demeanor, and attitude
- Sudden appearance of expensive items (for example, manicures, designer clothes, purses, technology)
- Tattoos or branding
- Refillable gift cards
- Frequent runaway episodes
- Multiple phones or social media accounts
- Provocative pictures posted online or stored on the phone
- Unexplained injuries
- Isolation from family, friends, and community
- Older romantic partners

Additional warning signs of labor trafficking in children include:

- Being unpaid, paid very little, or paid only through tips
- Being employed but not having a school-authorized work permit
- Being employed and having a work permit but clearly working outside the permitted hours for students
- Owning a large debt and being unable to pay it off
- Not being allowed breaks at work or being subjected to excessively long work hours
- Being overly concerned with pleasing an employer and/or deferring personal or educational decisions to a boss
- Not being in control of their own money
- Living with an employer or having an employer listed as a student's caregiver
- A desire to quit a job but not being allowed to do so

[See Consent to Instruction on Prevention of Child Abuse, Family Violence, Dating Violence, and Sex Trafficking]

Reporting and Responding to Child Abuse, Neglect, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children

A child who has experienced any type of abuse or neglect should be encouraged to seek out a parent or trusted adult. Children may be reluctant to disclose abuse and may only disclose sexual abuse indirectly. As a parent or trusted adult, it is important to be calm and comforting if your child or another child confides in you. Reassure the child that they did the right thing by telling you.

If your child is a victim of abuse, neglect, trafficking, or other maltreatment, the school counselor or principal will provide information on counseling options for you and your child available in your area. Texas Health and Human Services also manages early intervention counseling programs.

To find out what services may be available in your county, see Texas Health and Human Services' [Family Support Services Program Locator](https://fss.hhs.texas.gov/Programs_Available_In_Your_County/default.asp) (https://fss.hhs.texas.gov/Programs_Available_In_Your_County/default.asp).

Reports of abuse, trafficking, or neglect may be made to the CPS division of the DFPS at 1 800-252-5400 or online at [Texas Abuse Hotline Website](http://www.txabusehotline.org) (www.txabusehotline.org).

Further Resources on Sexual Abuse, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children

The following websites include resources to help increase awareness of child abuse and neglect, sexual abuse, trafficking, and other maltreatment of children:

- [Child Welfare Information Gateway](https://www.childwelfare.gov/) (<https://www.childwelfare.gov/>)
- [KidsHealth, For Parents, Child Abuse](https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/child-abuse.html) (<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/child-abuse.html>)
- [Office of the Texas Governor's Child Sex Trafficking Team](https://gov.texas.gov/organization/cjd/childsextrafficking) (<https://gov.texas.gov/organization/cjd/childsextrafficking>)

- [Human Trafficking of School-aged Children](https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/other-services/human-trafficking-of-school-aged-children)
(<https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/other-services/human-trafficking-of-school-aged-children>)
- [Child Sexual Abuse: A Parental Guide from the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault](https://www.nsvrc.org/publications/booklets/child-sexual-abuse-parental-guide)
(<https://www.nsvrc.org/publications/booklets/child-sexual-abuse-parental-guide>)
- [National Center of Safe Supportive Learning Environments: Human Trafficking in America's Schools](https://www.ed.gov/sites/ed/files/documents/human-trafficking/human-trafficking-americas-schools)
(<https://www.ed.gov/sites/ed/files/documents/human-trafficking/human-trafficking-americas-schools>).

Class Rank/Highest-Ranking Student (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

- Courses that are included in class rank calculations
- Any course exclusions
- Whether courses taken in middle/junior high school are included in the calculation
- Whether grades earned by alternative means (summer school, distance learning, credit by examination, dual credit off campus vs. on campus, and the like) are counted
- The weighted grade system used in the district to calculate class rank [for example, weighted numerical average or weighted grade point average (GPA)]
- Whether and when transferred grades will be weighted
- When class rank will be calculated for purposes of determining local honors
- Criteria a student must meet to be declared valedictorian, salutatorian, and any other local honor designations, including how the district will resolve ties in these positions
- Whether the district will award the honor graduate certificate provided by the state to the district-declared valedictorian or the true highest-ranking graduate
- If appropriate for your handbook, the list of courses that meet each category within your weighted grade system
- Any other information related to class rank appropriate for this document

[See policy EIC for more information.]

Recognition for academic honors shall be given to the following graduating seniors:
Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The valedictorian and salutatorian shall be the eligible students with the highest and second-highest rank, respectively. To be eligible for this local graduation honor, a student must:

- Have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for the two school years immediately preceding graduation and have continuous attendance through graduation. Continuous attendance means that a student cannot withdraw from the District high school for more than one grading period during his or her junior or senior year;
- Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school;

- Have completed the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement; and
- Have no major discipline offense during the senior year. Offenses that might result in disqualification shall be referred to a committee composed of the principal, the senior counselor, and a high school teacher.

Ties: In case of a tie in weighted GPAs after calculation to the fourth decimal place, the District shall recognize all students involved in the tie as sharing the honor and title.

[See policy EIC for more information.]

Highest-Ranking Graduate

The student meeting the local eligibility criteria for recognition as the valedictorian shall also be considered the highest-ranking graduate for purposes of receiving the honor graduate certificate from the state of Texas.

Grade point averages (GPA) and class rankings are computed at the end of each semester of high school. The student with the highest GPA in the class has the highest rank. GPA calculations begin in the ninth grade and are cumulative until the end of the first semester of the twelfth grade. High school courses taken in the summer after completion of eighth grade shall be included in a student's rank, but high school courses taken in the seventh or eighth grade shall not be included. A listing of these courses is found in the course catalog.

For an explanation regarding GPA calculation and course weight information, see the course catalog in the counselor's office. For the SISD Board Policy concerning class rank, please see policy EIC <https://pol.tasb.org/Home/Index/913>.

Class Schedules (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

All students are expected to attend school for the entire school day and maintain a full class schedule. Exceptions may be made occasionally by the campus principal for students in grades 9-12 who meet specific criteria and receive parental consent to enroll in less than a full-day schedule.

[See Schedule Changes (Middle/Junior High and High School Grade Levels) for information related to student requests to revise their course schedule.]

College and University Admissions and Financial Aid (All Grade Levels)

For two school years following graduation, a district student who graduates as valedictorian or in the top 10 percent of their class is eligible for automatic admission into four-year public universities and colleges in Texas if the student meets one of the following requirements:

- Completes the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation graduation program [see Foundation Graduation Program]

- Satisfies the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks or earns at least a 1500 out of 2400 on the SAT
- Beginning in the fall of 2028, achieves a score set by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on a college entrance examination designated by coordinating board rules

The student is ultimately responsible for meeting the admission requirements of the university or college, including timely submission of a completed application.

If a college or university adopts an admissions policy that automatically accepts the top 25 percent of a graduating class, the provisions above will also apply to a student ranked in the top 25 percent of their class.

The University of Texas at Austin may limit the number of automatically admitted students to 75 percent of the University's enrollment capacity for incoming resident freshmen. From the summer/fall 2026 term through the spring 2027 term, the University will admit the top five percent of a high school's graduating class who meet the above requirements. Additional applicants will be considered by the University through a holistic review process.

As required by law, the district will provide written notice about the following:

- Automatic college admission
- Curriculum requirements for financial aid
- Benefits of completing the requirements for automatic admission and financial aid
- The Texas First Early High School Completion Program, which requires a student to provide an official copy of assessment results and transcripts, as applicable, to receive credit for the assessments and credits required for early graduation under the program
- The Texas First Scholarship Program
- The Future Texas Teachers Scholarship Program

Parents and students will be asked to sign an acknowledgment that they received this information.

Students and parents should contact the school counselor for further information about automatic admissions, the application process, and deadlines.

[See Class Rank/Highest-Ranking Student (Secondary Grade Levels Only) for information specifically related to how the district calculates a student's rank in class, and requirements for Graduation (Secondary Grade Levels Only) for information associated with the foundation graduation program.]

[See A Student in the Conservatorship of the State (Foster Care) for information on assistance in transitioning to higher education for students in foster care.]

College Credit Courses (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

Students in grades 9-12 may earn college credit through the following opportunities:

- Certain courses taught at the high school campus, which may include courses termed dual credit, Advanced Placement (AP), or OnRamps dual-enrollment.
- Enrollment in AP or dual credit courses through the virtual or hybrid courses offered by the district or another district or school
- Enrollment in courses taught in conjunction and in partnership with Lone Star College-Kingwood, which may be offered on or off campus
- Enrollment in courses taught at other colleges or universities
- Enrollment in these programs is based on eligibility requirements

Under the Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) program, a student may be eligible to enroll at no cost to the student in dual credit courses at a participating institution of higher education. The FAST program allows students who are or have been educationally disadvantaged at any time during the four years preceding the student's enrollment in a dual credit course to enroll at no cost to the student. The district will determine eligibility upon the student's enrollment in the dual credit course. See the campus high school counseling team for more information.

A student may be eligible for subsidies based on financial need for AP or IB exam fees. [See Fees (All Grade Levels) for more information.]

A student may also earn college credit for certain Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses. [See Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Other Work-Based Programs (Secondary Grade Levels Only) for information on CTE and other work-based programs.]

For dual credit purposes, all these methods have eligibility requirements and must be approved before enrollment in the course. Please see the school counselor for more information. Depending on the student's grade level and the course, a state-mandated end-of-course assessment may be required for graduation.

Not all colleges and universities accept credit earned in all dual credit or AP courses taken in high school for college credit. Students and parents should check with the prospective college or university to determine if a particular course will count toward the student's desired degree plan.

Communications (All Grade Levels)

Parent Contact Information

A parent is legally required to provide in writing the parent's contact information, including address, phone number, and email address.

A parent must provide the contact information to the district upon enrollment and again within two weeks after the beginning of each following school year while the student is enrolled in the district.

If the parent's contact information changes during the school year, the parent must update the information in writing no more than two weeks after the date the information changes.

A parent may update contact information by updating information and filling out an online change of information through Skyward Family Access or emailing the school registrar on campus.

Automated Emergency Communications

The district will rely on contact information on file with the district to communicate with parents in an emergency situation, which may include real-time or automated messages. An emergency situation may include early dismissal, delayed opening, or restricted access to the campus due to severe weather, another emergency, or a security threat. It is crucial to notify your child's school when a phone number changes.

[See Safety (All Grade Levels) for information about contact with parents during an emergency situation.]

Automated Nonemergency Communications

Your child's school periodically sends information by automated or pre-recorded messages, text messages, or real-time phone or email communications that are closely related to the school's mission and specific to your child, your child's school, or the district.

Standard messaging rates of your wireless phone carrier may apply.

If you do not wish to receive such communications, please contact your child's principal. [See Safety (All Grade Levels) for information about contact with parents during an emergency.]

Complaints and Concerns (All Grade Levels)

Usually, student or parent complaints or concerns can be addressed informally by a phone call or a conference with the teacher or principal.

For those complaints and concerns that cannot be resolved informally, the board has adopted a student and parent grievance policy at FNG(LOCAL) in accordance with Education Code Chapter 26A. This policy describing the grievance process in detail is available in the district's online policy manual at <https://pol.tasb.org/Home/Index/913> and is attached to this handbook as an appendix. A parent may file a grievance by submitting the district grievance form to the campus principal. The district's grievance forms are available on the district's website at [Splendora ISD - Student and Parent Complaints and Grievances - FNG \(Local\)](#). A parent may also submit a grievance electronically by going to [Splendora ISD - Student and Parent Complaints and Grievances - FNG \(Local\)](#) and completing the online grievance forms.

In general, the written grievance form should be completed and submitted to the campus principal in a timely manner.

Following are the steps to resolve all complaints:

Step 1. Contact the Staff Member

The most direct route to resolving a concern is to confer directly with the person involved, (teacher, coach, etc.)

Step 2. Contact the Campus Administrator

The principal/designee will be responsible for the school's operation. Explanations of policies and procedures, various clarifications and all types of campus information are available in campus administration offices.

Step 3. Contact the Student Services Office

This step should be taken only if steps one and two above have not resolved your concern. If you have gone through the previous informal steps of problem-solving and have not met a satisfactory conclusion, a parent or student may request a conference or you may then move into the formal process by filing the Level 1 Complaint Form with the campus principal in a timely manner.

After you have gone through the first formal step of problem-solving and have not met a satisfactory conclusion, you may then move into the next formal process by filing the Level 2 Appeal Form with the Director of Student Services.

If you have gone through the Level 1 and Level 2 formal steps of problem-solving and have not met a satisfactory conclusion, you may continue in the formal process with the Board of Trustees by filing the Level 3 Appeal Form with the Superintendent's office.

Some complaints and/or concerns require different procedures as listed above. Any campus office, or Student Services, can provide information regarding specific processes for these complaints and concerns. Additional information can also be found in the designated board policy, available in the principal's and Superintendent's office or on the district's website.

If the concern is not resolved, a parent or student may appeal to the superintendent or superintendent's designee.

If the concern is still unresolved, the district provides a process for parents and students to appeal to the board of trustees.

Hearings at each level will be conducted in accordance with the timelines established by law described in the district's policy at FNG(LOCAL).

Conduct (All Grade Levels)

Applicability of School Rules

The board has adopted a Student Code of Conduct that defines standards of acceptable behavior — on and off campus, during remote and in-person instruction, and on district vehicles — and outlines consequences for violation of these standards. The district has disciplinary authority over a student in accordance with the Student Code of

Conduct. Students and parents should be familiar with the standards set out in the Student Code of Conduct, as well as campus and classroom rules.

During summer instruction, the Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct in place for the school year immediately before the summer period apply, unless the district amends either or both documents for summer instruction.

Campus Behavior Coordinator

Each campus has a campus behavior coordinator to apply discipline management techniques and administer consequences for certain student misconduct, as well as provide a point of contact for student misconduct. The contact information for each campus behavior coordinator is available on the district's website at www.splendoraisd.org, then click the specific school to find the CBC's contact information.

Deliveries

Except in emergencies, delivery of messages or packages to students will not be allowed during instructional time. A parent may leave a message or a package, such as a forgotten lunch, for the student to pick up from the front office during a passing period or lunch. Food deliveries from outside restaurants, food vendors, or delivery services (such as DoorDash, Uber Eats, Pizza Hut, etc.) are not permitted. Parents may only provide food for their own child and may not bring food for other students.

Disruption of School Operations

Disruption of school operations is not tolerated and may constitute a misdemeanor offense. As identified by state law, disruptions include the following:

- Interference with the movement of people at an exit, entrance, or hallway of a district building without authorization from an administrator
- Interference with an authorized activity by seizing control of all or part of a building
- Use of force, violence, or threats in an attempt to prevent participation in an authorized assembly
- Use of force, violence, or threats to cause disruption during an assembly
- Interference with the movement of people at an exit or an entrance to district property
- Use of force, violence, or threats in an attempt to prevent people from entering or leaving district property without authorization from an administrator

Disruption of classes or other school activities while on or within 500 feet of district property includes:

- Making loud noises
- Trying to entice a student away from, or to prevent a student from attending, a required class or activity

- Entering a classroom without authorization and disrupting the activity with loud or profane language or any misconduct

Interference with the transportation of students in vehicles owned or operated by the district is also considered a disruption.

Social Events

School rules apply to all school social events. Guests attending these events are expected to observe the same rules as students, and a student inviting a guest will share responsibility for the conduct of the guest.

A student attending a social event will be asked to sign out when leaving before the end of the event and will not be readmitted.

A parent interested in serving as a chaperone for any school social events should contact the campus principal.

Counseling

The district has a comprehensive school counseling program that includes:

- A guidance curriculum to help students develop their full educational potential, including the student's interests and career objectives
- A responsive services component to intervene on behalf of any student whose immediate personal concerns or problems put the student's continued educational, career, personal, or social development at risk
- An individual planning system to guide a student as the student plans, monitors, and manages the student's own educational, career, personal, and social development
- Systems to support the efforts of teachers, staff, parents, and other members of the community in promoting the educational, career, personal, and social development of students

The district will make a preview of the program, including all materials and curriculum, available to parents to review during school hours.

Academic Counseling

Elementary and Middle/Junior High School Grade Levels

The school counselor will provide information to students and parents about college and university admissions and the importance of planning for postsecondary education, including appropriate coursework and financial aid availability and requirements.

In either grade 7 or 8, each student will receive instruction on how best to prepare for high school, college, and a career.

High School Grade Levels

High school students and their parents are encouraged to talk with a school counselor, teacher, or principal to learn more about course offerings, graduation requirements, and early graduation procedures.

Each year, high school students will be provided information on anticipated course offerings for the next school year, how to make the most of academic and career and technical education (CTE) opportunities, and the importance of postsecondary education.

The school counselor will also provide information each year a student is enrolled in high school about:

- The importance of postsecondary education
- The advantages of earning an endorsement and completing the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement
- The disadvantages of pursuing a high school equivalency exam (GED) as opposed to earning a high school diploma
- Financial aid eligibility and how to apply for financial aid
- Automatic admission to state-funded Texas colleges and universities
- Eligibility requirements for the TEXAS Grant
- Availability of district programs that allow students to earn college credit
- Availability of tuition and fee assistance for postsecondary education for students in foster care
- Availability of college credit awarded by institutions of higher education to veterans and military service members for military experience, education, and training

Additionally, the school counselor can provide information about workforce opportunities after graduation or technical and trade school opportunities, including opportunities to earn industry-recognized certificates and licenses.

[See Scholarships and Grants for more information.]

Personal Counseling (All Grade Levels)

The school counselor is available to assist students with a wide range of personal, social, and family concerns, including emotional or mental health issues and substance abuse. A student who wishes to meet with the school counselor should schedule an appointment through the main office of each campus. As a parent, if you are concerned about your child's mental or emotional health, please speak with the school counselor for a list of resources that may be of assistance.

If your child has experienced trauma, contact the school counselor for more information.

[See Mental Health Support (All Grade Levels), Child Abuse, Neglect, School Staff Misconduct, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children (All Grade Levels), and Dating Violence]

Course Credit (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

A student at any grade level enrolled in a high school course will earn credit for the course only if the final grade is 70 or above. For a two-part (two-semester, 1-credit course), the student's grades from both halves (semesters) will be averaged and credit will be awarded if the combined average is 70 or above. If the student's combined average is less than 70, the student will be awarded credit only for the half (semester) with the passing grade.

Credit by Examination — If a Student Has Taken the Course/Subject (Grades 6-12)

A student who has previously taken a course or subject but did not receive credit or a final grade for it may, in circumstances determined by the principal or attendance committee, be permitted to earn credit or a final grade by passing an examination approved by the district's board of trustees on the essential knowledge and skills defined for that course or subject.

Examples of prior instruction include incomplete coursework due to a failed course or excessive absences, homeschooling, or coursework by a student transferring from a nonaccredited school. The opportunity to earn credit by examination after the student has had prior instruction is sometimes referred to as "credit recovery."

The attendance review committee may also offer a student with excessive absences an opportunity to earn credit for a course by passing an examination. [See Attendance for Credit or Final Grade (All Grade Levels)]

If a student is granted approval to take an examination for credit, the student must score at least 70 on the examination to receive credit for the course or subject.

[See the school counselor and policy EHDB(LOCAL) for more information.]

Credit by Examination for Advancement/Acceleration — If a Student Has Not Taken the Course/Subject

A student will be permitted to earn credit by examination for an academic course or subject area for which the student had no prior instruction for advancement or to accelerate to the next grade level.

The examinations offered by the district are approved by the district's board of trustees. Testing windows for these examinations will be published in district publications and on the district's website. A student may take a specific examination only once per testing window.

The only exceptions to the published testing windows will be for examinations administered by another entity or to accommodate a student experiencing homelessness or a student involved in the foster care system.

When another entity administers an examination, the student and the district must comply with the testing schedule of the other entity.

If a student plans to take an examination, the student or parent must register with the school counselor no later than 30 days before the scheduled testing date. [See policy EHDC for more information.]

Kindergarten Acceleration

When a parent expresses an interest in enrolling a kindergarten-aged student in first grade, the request for acceleration must be received on or before the first day of school (August 12, 2026). Acceleration testing and results must be completed by September 1st of the school year.

Students in Grades 1-5

A student in elementary school is eligible to accelerate to the next grade level if the student meets all of the following requirements:

- The student scores at least an 80 on each examination in the subject areas of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies
- A district administrator recommends that the student be accelerated
- The student's parent gives written approval of the grade advancement

Students in Grades 6-12

A student in grade 6 or above is eligible to earn course credit if the student meets one of the following requirements:

- A passing score of at least 80 on an examination approved by the board
- A scaled score of 50 or higher on an examination administered through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP examination, as applicable

A student may take an examination to earn high school course credit no more than twice. If a student fails to achieve the designated score on the applicable exam before the beginning of the school year in which the student would need to enroll in the course according to the school's high school course sequence, the student must complete the course.

Dating Violence, Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (All Grade Levels)

Students learn best, and their welfare is best served, in a school environment that is free from dating violence, discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

Students are expected to treat peers and district employees with courtesy and respect, avoid offensive behaviors, and stop those behaviors as directed. District employees are likewise expected to treat students with courtesy and respect.

The board has established policies and procedures to prohibit and promptly address inappropriate and offensive behaviors that are based on a person's race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by law. A copy

of the district's policy is available in the principal's office and in the superintendent's office or on the district's website at <https://pol.tasb.org/Home/Index/913>. [See policy FFH for more information.]

Dating Violence

Dating violence will not be tolerated at school. To report dating violence, see Reporting Procedures.

Dating violence occurs when a person in a current or past dating relationship uses physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse to harm, threaten, intimidate, or control the other person in the relationship or any of the person's past or subsequent partners. This type of conduct is considered harassment if it is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it affects a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity; creates an intimidating, threatening, hostile, or offensive educational environment; or substantially interferes with the student's academic performance.

Examples of dating violence against a student may include, but are not limited to:

- Physical or sexual assaults
- Name-calling
- Put-downs
- Threats to hurt the student, the student's family members, or members of the student's household
- Destroying property belonging to the student
- Threats to die by suicide or homicide if the student ends the relationship
- Threats to harm a student's past or current dating partner
- Attempts to isolate the student from friends and family
- Stalking
- Encouraging others to engage in these behaviors

In accordance with law, when the district receives a report of dating violence, a district official will immediately notify the parent of the alleged victim and alleged perpetrator.

The counselor's office has information about the dangers of dating violence and resources for seeking help.

For more information on dating violence, see:

- Texas Attorney General's office [recognizing and responding to dating violence flier](https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/sites/default/files/files/child-support/papa/session%2010/recognizing-relationship-violence-en.pdf)
(<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/sites/default/files/files/child-support/papa/session%2010/recognizing-relationship-violence-en.pdf>)
- [Preventing Teen Dating Violence](https://www.cdc.gov/intimate-partner-violence/about/about-teen-dating-violence.html)
(<https://www.cdc.gov/intimate-partner-violence/about/about-teen-dating-violence.html>)

[See Consent to Instruction on Prevention of Child Abuse, Family Violence, Dating Violence, and Sex Trafficking]

Discrimination

Discrimination is defined as any conduct directed at a student on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by law that negatively affects the student.

Harassment

Harassment, in general terms, is conduct so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it affects a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity; creates an intimidating, threatening, hostile, or offensive educational environment; or substantially interferes with the student's academic performance.

Examples of harassment may include, but are not limited to:

- Offensive or derogatory language directed at a person's religious beliefs or practices, accent, skin color, or need for accommodation
- Threatening, intimidating, or humiliating conduct
- Offensive jokes, name-calling, slurs, or rumors
- Physical aggression or assault
- Graffiti or printed material promoting racial, ethnic, or other negative stereotypes
- Other kinds of aggressive conduct such as theft or damage to property

Sexual Harassment and Sex-Based Harassment

Sexual harassment and sex-based harassment of a student by an employee, volunteer, or another student are prohibited.

Examples of sexual harassment may include, but are not limited to:

- Touching private body parts or coercing physical contact that is sexual in nature
- Sexual advances
- Jokes or conversations of a sexual nature
- Other sexually motivated conduct, communications, or contact

Sexual harassment of a student by an employee or volunteer does not include necessary or permissible physical contact that a reasonable person would not construe as sexual in nature, such as comforting a child with a hug or taking the child's hand. However, romantic, sexual, and other inappropriate social relationships between students and district employees are prohibited, even if consensual.

Pregnancy or Related Conditions

The district does not discriminate on the basis of pregnancy or a related condition.

Please contact Melissa Coats, District Lead Nurse, mcoats@splendoraisd.org, for pregnancy-related accommodations.

Retaliation

Retaliation against a person who makes a report or participates in an investigation of discrimination, harassment, or dating violence is prohibited.

Reporting Procedures

Any student who believes that they have experienced dating violence, discrimination, harassment, or retaliation should immediately report the problem to a teacher, school counselor, principal, or other district employee. The report may be made by the student's parent. [See policy FFH and FFH(EXHIBIT) for other appropriate district officials to whom to make a report.]

Upon receiving a report, the district will determine whether the allegations, if proven, constitute prohibited conduct as defined by policy FFH. If not, the district will refer to policy FFI to determine whether the allegations, if proven, constitute bullying, as defined by law and policy FFI. If the alleged prohibited conduct also meets the statutory and policy definitions for bullying, an investigation of bullying will also be conducted. [See Bullying (All Grade Levels)]

The district will promptly notify the parent of any student alleged to have experienced prohibited conduct involving an adult associated with the district. In the event alleged prohibited conduct involves another student, the district will notify the parent of the student alleged to have experienced the prohibited conduct when the allegations, if proven, would constitute a violation as defined by policy FFH.

Investigation of Report

Allegations of prohibited conduct, which includes dating violence, discrimination, harassment, and retaliation, will be promptly investigated.

To the extent possible, the district will respect the privacy of the student. However, limited disclosures may be necessary to conduct a thorough investigation and comply with law.

If a law enforcement or other regulatory agency notifies the district that it is investigating the matter and requests that the district delay its investigation, the district will resume its investigation at the conclusion of the agency's investigation.

During an investigation and when appropriate, the district will take interim action to address the alleged prohibited conduct.

If the district's investigation indicates that prohibited conduct occurred, appropriate disciplinary action and, in some cases, corrective action will be taken to address the conduct. The district may take disciplinary and corrective action even if the conduct was not unlawful.

All involved parties will be notified of the outcome of the district investigation within the parameters and limits allowed under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

A student or parent who is dissatisfied with the outcome of the investigation may appeal in accordance with policy FNG(LOCAL).

Discrimination

[See Dating Violence, Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (All Grade Levels)]

Distribution of Literature, Published Materials, or Other Documents (All Grade Levels)

School Materials

Publications prepared by and for the school may be posted or distributed, with the prior approval of the principal, sponsor, or teacher. Such items may include school posters, newspapers, yearbooks, brochures, flyers, and the like.

All school publications are under the supervision of a teacher, sponsor, and the principal.

Nonschool Materials

From Students

Students must obtain prior approval from the campus principal before selling, posting, circulating, or distributing more than 10 copies of written or printed materials, handbills, photographs, pictures, films, tapes, or other visual or auditory materials that were not developed under the oversight of the school. To be considered, any nonschool material must include the name of the sponsoring person or organization. Approval will be granted or denied within two school days.

The campus principal has designated one bulletin board as the location for approved nonschool materials to be placed for voluntary viewing or collection by students. [See policy FNAA for more information.]

A student may appeal a decision in accordance with policy FNG(LOCAL). Any student who sells, posts, circulates, or distributes nonschool material without prior approval will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Materials displayed without approval will be removed.

[See policy FNG(LOCAL) for student complaint procedures.]

From Others

No person or group will sell, circulate, distribute, or post on any district premises written or printed materials, handbills, photographs, pictures, films, tapes, or other visual or auditory materials that is not sponsored by the district or by a district-affiliated school-support organization, except as permitted by policy GKDA.

To be considered for distribution, any nonschool material must meet the limitations on content established in the policy, include the name of the sponsoring person or organization, and be submitted to the superintendent or designee for prior review. The superintendent or designee will approve or reject the materials within two school days of the time the materials are received. The requestor may appeal a rejection in accordance

with the appropriate district complaint policy. [See policies DGBA or GF for more information.]

The superintendent or designee will designate a location as the location for approved nonschool materials to be placed for voluntary viewing or collection.

Prior review will not be required for:

- Distribution of materials by an attendee to other attendees of a school-sponsored meeting intended for adults and held after school hours
- Distribution of materials by an attendee to other attendees of a community group meeting held after school hours in accordance with policy GKD(LOCAL) or a noncurriculum-related student group meeting held in accordance with policy FNAB(LOCAL)
- Distribution for electioneering purposes during the time a school facility is being used as a polling place, in accordance with state law

All nonschool materials distributed under these circumstances must be removed from district property immediately following the event at which the materials are distributed.

Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. The purpose of the Splendora Independent School District dress code is to create and maintain an atmosphere that is conducive to learning. Having standards for acceptable behavior and appearance fosters responsibility and prepares students for real world expectations. The administration and faculty shall have the right to appraise any current fashion or fad and determine whether it is appropriate for school wear. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

Apparel (Pants, Slacks, skirts, etc.):

- Pants, slacks must be worn at the waist.
- Pants may not be made of inappropriately form fitting materials and may not be pajamas.
- Pants with holes or tears above mid-thigh are not permitted unless they are worn over leggings or tights. Determinations regarding appropriateness are subject to principal discretion.
- Hemlines of skirts, dress slits, dresses, shorts, and divided skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh when standing and should be visible at all times. Shorts worn underneath skirts or dresses must remain covered and should not be visible. Determinations regarding appropriateness are subject to principal discretion.
- Leggings, spandex, and tights may be worn if covered by a shirt, blouse, skirt and/or shorts that are mid-thigh or longer.

Apparel (Shirts, Hoodies, Blouses, etc.)

- Shirts with spaghetti straps, halter tops, sleeveless garments, transparent, or

those that expose the bare chest are not permitted. Tank tops are allowable, if the straps measure at least two inches in width.

- Shirts with ripped sleeves and backless apparel are prohibited.
- Hoodies will be permitted but the hood may not be worn over the head.
- Any shirt that displays undergarments and/or torso is prohibited.
- Necklines that are excessively revealing or expose excessive cleavage are not permitted. Determinations regarding appropriateness are subject to principal discretion.
- Students must be fully clothed with no bare midriff showing when the student goes through normal activities of the school day (bending, stretching, reaching, etc)

Apparel (General/Miscellaneous)

- No article of clothing will display vulgar or inappropriate language, violence or obscenities of any kind.
- No article of clothing will refer to or advertise tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, narcotics, and any other prohibited substances.
- Pajamas/Sleepwear, including blankets and pillows, will not be permitted with the exception of dress up days designated and approved by campus administration.
- Appropriate undergarments must be worn and should not be visible.

Footwear:

- Proper footwear must be worn at all times for health and safety reasons.
- Cleated shoes and wheeled shoes are prohibited.
- Rubber/leather soled shoes are recommended for daily footwear.
- House shoes and/or slippers are prohibited.
- Platform soles over 1 inch high are not recommended.
- Tennis shoes are required for participation in Physical Education class.

Hair

- Hair must be neat, clean and well groomed. A student's eyes should be visible.
- Hair color and style may not be distracting, conspicuous or pose a safety hazard.
- Facial hair, while allowed, must be neatly trimmed, well groomed, and a natural color.

Jewelry:

- Students may wear earrings and facial piercings, provided they do not create a disruption or distraction to the educational environment. Determinations regarding the appropriateness of facial piercings are subject to principal discretion.
- Gauges and spacers are permitted; however, they must not create a disruption or distraction to the learning environment. Determinations regarding appropriateness and acceptability are subject to principal discretion.
- Jewelry that is considered gang related and/or considered to be a safety hazard or material or is a substantial disruption is not permitted.
- Students may be asked to remove jewelry, earrings etc. if the principal or assistant principals feel they are a distraction or a safety issue.

Accessories:

- Face masks may only be worn with prior approval from the principal.
- Any hats, caps, sport headbands, bandanas, headcovers or scarves shall not be worn indoors except in the interest of religious practices, safety, cleanliness, or with the permission of the principal.
- Sunglasses, unless prescribed by doctor's orders, are not to be worn in the building
- Tattoos, accessories, jewelry and clothing that contain vulgar or inappropriate pictures, works or drawings, or gang related markings are not permitted.

The principal or designee will make the final determination that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code. If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Any student refusing to change will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day as well as incur the appropriate consequence.

Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Electronic Devices and Technology Resources (All Grade Levels)**Safe Use of Technology**

The district is committed to ensuring that students use technology safely and will follow all federal and state requirements to protect students from excessive data collection or materials that are considered harmful to minors. The district considers parents as partners in cybersecurity and online safety.

In accordance with state and federal law, the district will:

- Install a filter that blocks and prohibits pornographic or obscene materials or applications, including from unsolicited pop-ups, installations, and downloads, before transferring an electronic device to a student to be used for an educational purpose
- Block or filter students' internet access to pictures that are obscene, contain child pornography, or have been determined to be harmful to minors in accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)
- Require direct and informed parental consent for a student's use of software, other than software excluded from the consent requirement by law [See Required State Assessments and Standardized Testing]

- Require direct and informed parental consent for a student's use of software that conducts mental health assessments or other assessments unrelated to education curricula that are intended to collect information about students [See Consent to Conduct a Psychological or Psychiatric Evaluation]

If you want to know more about partnering with the district regarding cybersecurity and online safety, or if you have complaints or concern about student use of electronic devices, please contact Buddy Denman, Director of Technology, bdenman@splendoraisd.org or 281-689-4352.

In the event a student is required to pay restitution for a lost, stolen, damaged, or broken device, the parent/guardian should contact Buddy Denman, Director of Technology, bdenman@splendoraisd.org or 281-689-4352 for assistance and payment information.

[See Textbooks, Electronic Textbooks, Technological Equipment, and Other Instructional Materials (All Grade Levels)]

Possession and Use of Personal Communication Devices, Including Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

In accordance with state law, the district prohibits the use of a personal communication device (this means a telephone, cell phone such as a smartphone or flip phone, tablet, smartwatch, radio device, paging device, ear buds or any other electronic device capable of telecommunication or digital communication) while on school property during the school day. For more information about permitted use in certain circumstances and disciplinary measures that apply to this prohibition, see the Student Code of Conduct and policy FNCE(LOCAL).

The use of cell phones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored event. If a student uses a personal communication device without authorization during the school day, the student will be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Students shall not use a personal communication device, including a cell phone, or other electronic device (means a telephone, cell phone such as a smartphone or flip phone, tablet, smartwatch, radio device, paging device, earbuds, or any other electronic device capable of telecommunication or digital communication) on school property during the school day and shall store the device in accordance with the method of storage established by the district at PK-5 campuses and 6-12 campuses. Personal Communication Device means a telephone, cell phone such as a smartphone or flip phone, tablet, smartwatch, radio device, paging device, earbuds or any other electronic device capable of telecommunication or digital communication. [See Glossary]

To promote student engagement, safety, and a distraction-free learning environment, elementary students **(PK-5)** are not permitted to use or carry personal cell phones or electronic devices during the school day. The "school day" is defined as when a student

enters the school building (on school premises) and ends when the student exits the building after the dismissal bell. The ban includes classrooms, locker rooms, cafeterias, hallways, passing periods and restrooms.

Policy Requirements:

- All student devices must be turned off or on silent prior to arrival and immediately stored in the student's backpack.
- Devices must remain stored throughout the school day, including during lunch, recess, and restroom breaks.
- Students may not carry cell phones or any devices on their person (including pockets or clothing) while on school property during school hours.

Consequences for Violation:

- 1st Offense: Device confiscated; Returned to student at the end of day and parent contact
- 2nd Offense: Device confiscated; Disciplinary referral, lunch detention and returned only to a parent/guardian
- 3rd Offense: Device confiscated; Disciplinary referral, 1 day In School Suspension and returned only to a parent/guardian.
- Repeated violations will result in progressive disciplinary action for insubordination based on the student code of conduct

To maintain an academic environment free of distractions and ensure safety and responsibility, secondary students **(6-12)** are required to follow the district's electronic device policy.

Policy Requirements:

- All student devices must be turned off or on silent prior to arrival and immediately stored in the student's backpack.
- Devices must be stored in the student's backpack or bag at all times during the school day.
- Students may not carry devices on their person (including pockets or clothing) while on school property during school hours.
- Students are not allowed to use their devices during class, passing periods, lunch, or restroom.

Consequences for Violation:

- 1st Offense: Device confiscated; Disciplinary referral, parent contact, and student to retrieve device at the end of the day
- 2nd Offense: Device confiscated; Parent must retrieve; including parent contact to retrieve device, and Administration may use discretion

- 3rd or More: Disciplinary referral; Device confiscated; Progressive disciplinary consequences, including Detention, In-School Suspension (ISS); Potential loss of privilege Parent contact; or Administration may use discretion
- Repeated violations will result in progressive disciplinary action for insubordination based on the student code of conduct

*Note: *If a student refuses to give up their device, the student will receive a disciplinary referral, parent contact, and Saturday School or In-School Suspension. Administration may use discretion when determining consequences based on severity, context, and student behavior history.*

The parent may pick up the confiscated communications device from the principal's office. Confiscated communications devices that are not retrieved by the student or the student's parent will be disposed of after the notice required by law. [See policy FNCE for more information.]

- The district may authorize the use of a personal communication device for the following reasons:
 - To implement an individualized education program (IEP) or for a plan created under [Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 \(29 U.S.C Section 794\)](#) or a similar program or plan;
 - With documented need based on a directive from a qualified physician; or
 - To comply with a health or safety requirement imposed by law or as part of the district's safety protocols.
 - Some educational programs may require the use of a device. In this case, the device must be approved by district administration.

Inappropriate use of a personal communication device during the school day will result in disciplinary action in accordance with this Code of Conduct.

In limited circumstances and in accordance with law, a student's personal communication device may be searched by authorized personnel. [See Searches and Investigations and policy FNF for more information.]

The district is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen communications devices.

Instructional Use of Personal Electronic Devices

Students must obtain prior approval to use personal electronic devices allowed by law for instructional purposes while on campus. The district may not permit use of a prohibited personal communication device except as required by law. [See Possession and Use of Personal Communication Devices, Including Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices] Students must also sign a user agreement that contains applicable rules for use (separate from this handbook).

All personal devices must be turned off during the instructional day when not in use for approved instructional purposes. Violations of the user agreement may result in withdrawal of privileges and other disciplinary action.

Acceptable Use of District Technology Resources

District-owned technology resources may be issued to individual students for instructional purposes. Use of the district's network systems and equipment is restricted to approved purposes only. Students and parents will be asked to sign a user agreement (separate from this handbook) regarding use of these district resources. Violations of the user agreement may result in withdrawal of privileges and other disciplinary action. In the event a student is required to pay restitution for a lost, stolen, damaged, or broken device, the parent/guardian should contact Buddy Denman, Director of Technology, bdenman@splendoraisd.org or 281-689-4352 for assistance and payment information.

Unacceptable and Inappropriate Use of Technology Resources

Students are prohibited from possessing, sending, forwarding, posting, accessing, or displaying electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal. This prohibition also applies to conduct off school property, whether on district-owned or personally owned equipment, if it results in a substantial disruption to the educational environment.

Any person taking, disseminating, transferring, possessing, or sharing obscene, sexually oriented, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or other content — commonly referred to as “sexting” — will be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, may be required to complete an educational program related to the dangers of this type of behavior, and, in certain circumstances, may be reported to law enforcement.

This type of behavior may constitute bullying or harassment, as well as impede future endeavors of a student. We encourage parents to review with their child the ["Before You Text" Bullying and Sexting Course](https://txssc.txstate.edu/tools/courses/before-you-text/) (<https://txssc.txstate.edu/tools/courses/before-you-text/>), a state-developed program that addresses the consequences of sexting.

In accordance with state law, the district prohibits the installation or use of TikTok (or any successor application or service) on a district device, along with any other social media application or service determined by the governor.

Any student who engages in conduct that results in a breach of the district's computer security will be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. In some cases, the consequence may be expulsion.

End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments

[See Graduation (Secondary Grade Levels Only) and Standardized Testing]

Emergent Bilingual Students (All Grade Levels)

A student who is an emergent bilingual student is entitled to receive specialized services from the district. A Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC), consisting of both district personnel and at least one parent representative, will determine whether the student qualifies for services. The student's parent must consent to any services recommended by the LPAC. However, pending the receipt of parental consent or denial of services, an eligible student will receive the services to which the student is entitled and eligible.

To determine a student's level of proficiency in English, the LPAC will use information from a state-approved language proficiency assessment. Once a level of proficiency has been established, if the student qualifies for program services the LPAC will designate instructional accommodations to ensure the student is able to complete grade level work in English. Ongoing assessments will be conducted to determine a student's continued eligibility for the program.

The LPAC will also determine whether certain accommodations are necessary for any state-mandated assessments. The STAAR Spanish, as mentioned at Standardized Testing, may be administered to an emergent bilingual student up to grade 5. In limited circumstances, a student's LPAC may exempt the student from an otherwise required state-mandated assessment or may waive certain graduation requirements related to the English I end-of-course (EOC) assessment. The Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) will also be administered to emergent bilingual students.

If a student is considered an emergent bilingual student and receives special education services because of a qualifying disability, the student's ARD committee will make instructional and assessment decisions in conjunction with the LPAC.

Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, and Organizations (All Grade Levels)

Participation in school-sponsored activities is an excellent way for a student to develop talents, receive individual recognition, and build strong friendships.

State law requires the district to obtain written parental consent before a student may participate in a student club that is authorized or sponsored by the district. A parent may obtain consent forms for student clubs at the main office of each campus.

Some extracurricular activities may include off-campus events. Students are required to use transportation provided by the district to and from the events. Exceptions may only be made with the approval of the activity's coach or sponsor. [See Transportation (All Grade Levels)]

Eligibility for many of these activities is governed by state law and the rules of the University Interscholastic League (UIL), a statewide association overseeing interdistrict competition. If a student is involved in an academic, athletic, or music activity governed by UIL, the student and parent are expected to know and follow all rules of the UIL organization. Students and parents can access the [UIL Parent Information Manual](#)

(<https://www.uiltexas.org/athletics/manuals>) online. A hard copy can be provided by the coach or sponsor of the activity on request.

To report alleged noncompliance with required safety training or an alleged violation of safety rules required by law and the UIL, please contact the curriculum division of TEA at (512) 463-9581 or curriculum@tea.texas.gov.

[See [UIL Texas](https://www.uiltexas.org/) (<https://www.uiltexas.org/>) for additional information on all UIL-governed activities.]

Student safety in extracurricular activities is a priority of the district. Parents are entitled to review the district's records regarding the age of each football helmet used by the campus, including when a helmet has been reconditioned.

In addition, the following provisions apply to all extracurricular activities:

Generally, a student who receives a grade below 70 at the end of a grading period in any academic class may not participate in extracurricular activities for at least three school weeks.

All College Board Advanced Placement (AP) courses and dual credit (DC) courses offered through our partnership with Lone Star College-Kingwood (LSC-K) A grade of 60-69 renders a student eligible for UIL participation. For any AP or DC course with a grade of less than 60, one waiver per course is allowed per semester. For any Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) A grade of 60-69 must be earned to qualify for UIL exemption. Only one Pre-AP and Honors class waiver is allowed per semester. However, if a student receives a grade below 70 at the end of a grading period in an Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB), honors, or dual credit course in English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, or languages other than English, the student remains eligible for participation in all extracurricular activities. Advanced Placement (AP) & Dual Credit Courses are exempt for UIL Eligibility purposes with a stipulation. The student must not make below a 60 to qualify for the exemption. For an AP or DC Course with a grade of less than 60, one waiver is allowed per one course per semester. Pre-advanced Placement (Pre-AP) & Honors Courses are different than AP and Dual Credit Courses. If a student fails a Pre-AP/Honors course with a grade of 60-69, that student must apply for a waiver. Students can only use one waiver per semester. Any student referenced above may participate in UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Evaluation but is ineligible for other extracurricular activities for at least three weeks.

[UIL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES](#) & [WAIVER](#)

If a student is enrolled in a state-approved course that requires demonstration of the mastery of an essential knowledge and skills in public performance and the student receives a grade below 70 in any course at the end of the grading period, the student may participate in a performance so long as the performance is free and open to the general public.

If a student is enrolled in a state-approved music course that participates in UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Evaluation, and the student receives a grade below 70 in any course at the end of a grading period, the student may perform with the ensemble during the UIL evaluation performance but is ineligible for other extracurricular activities for at least three weeks.

In addition, the following applies to all extracurricular activities:

- A student who receives special education services and who fails to meet the standards in the individualized education program (IEP) may not participate for at least three school weeks.
- An ineligible student may practice or rehearse but may not participate in any competitive activity.
- A student is allowed in a school year up to 15 absences not related to post-district competition, a maximum of 8 absences for post-district competition prior to state, and a maximum of 5 absences for state competition. All extracurricular activities and public performances, whether UIL activities or other activities approved by the board, are subject to these restrictions.
- An absence for participation in an activity that has not been approved will be considered an unexcused absence.

Standards of Behavior

Sponsors of student clubs and performing groups such as the band, choir, and drill and athletic teams may establish standards of behavior — including consequences for misbehavior — that are stricter than those for students in general. If a violation is also a violation of school rules, the consequences specified by the Student Code of Conduct or by board policy will apply in addition to any consequences specified by the organization's standards of behavior.

Offices and Elections

Certain clubs, organizations, and performing groups will hold elections for student officers. Contact the campus for more information.

Fees (All Grade Levels)

Basic educational program materials are provided at no charge to a student. However, a student is expected to provide their own supplies, such as pencils, paper, erasers, and notebooks. A student may also be required to pay certain other costs, fees, or deposits, including:

- Materials for a class project that the student will keep.
- Membership dues in voluntary clubs or student organizations.
- Admission fees to extracurricular activities.
- Security deposits.
- Personal physical education and athletic equipment and apparel.
- Voluntarily purchased pictures, publications, class rings, yearbooks, graduation announcements, and the like.

- Voluntarily purchased student health and accident insurance.
- Musical instrument rental and uniform maintenance when uniforms are provided by the district.
- Personal apparel used in extracurricular activities that becomes the property of the student.
- Parking fees and student identification cards.
- Fees for temporary student identification cards.
- Fees for lost, damaged, or overdue library books.
- Fees for lost or damaged Chromebooks.
- Fees for damaging bus property.
- Fees for driver training courses.
- Fees for optional courses offered for credit that require use of facilities not available on district premises.
- Summer school for courses that are offered tuition-free during the regular school year.
- A reasonable fee for providing transportation to a student who lives within two miles of the school. [See Buses and Other School Vehicles]
- A maximum fee of \$50 for an educational program outside of regular school hours for a student who has lost credit or has not been awarded a final grade because of absences and whose parent chooses the program for the student to meet the 90 percent attendance requirements. The fee will be charged only if the parent or guardian signs a district-provided request form.
- In some cases, a fee for a virtual or hybrid course.

Any required fee or deposit may be waived if the student and parent are unable to pay. Application for such a waiver may be made to the campus principal. [See policy FP for more information.]

Fundraising (All Grade Levels)

Student groups or classes and/or parent groups may be permitted to conduct fundraising drives for approved school purposes in accordance with administrative regulations. [See policies FJ and GE for more information.]

Gang-Free Zones (All Grade Levels)

Certain criminal offenses, including gang-related crimes, will be enhanced to the next-highest category of offense if they are committed in a gang-free zone. Gang-free zones include a school bus and any location in, on, or within 1,000 feet of any district-owned or leased property or campus playground.

Grading Guidelines (All Grade Levels)

Approved grading guidelines for each grade level or course will be communicated to students and their parents by the classroom teacher. These guidelines establish:

- The minimum number of assignments, projects, and examinations required for each grading period

- How the student's mastery of concepts and achievement will be communicated (for example, letter grades, numerical averages, checklist of required skills, and the like)
- Circumstances under which a student will be allowed to redo an assignment or retake an examination the student originally failed
- Procedures for a student to follow after an absence
- Grading consequences for academic dishonesty, including cheating or copying the work of another student, plagiarism (including the unauthorized use of artificial intelligence (AI) such as ChatGPT), and unauthorized communication between students during an examination

Elementary Grading Guidelines (updated 7/14/2025)

Grades K-1

Standards Based Grading K-1

- [Kindergarten Standards Based Report Card](#)
- [First Grade Standards Based Report Card](#)

Grades 2-5

This document outlines grading guidelines for elementary grades (2-5) core subjects in Splendora Independent School District. This document establishes norms and standards for assessing student quality of work, promoting consistency and fairness across the district. Stakeholders within Splendora ISD may use this document as a resource to promote equitable evaluation and reporting of student progress, fostering a consistent and transparent grading system.

Content Graded

Grades should represent student performance on TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) objectives in each subject area at the student's grade level.

Minimum Number of Grades

There are a minimum number of grades required to accurately reflect student achievement during a grading period for subjects and grade levels. Grades will be entered on a weekly basis.

- 3 Major Grades in RLA/Math
- 2 Major Grades in Science/SS
- Minimum of 9 Daily Grades RLA/Math
- Minimum of 6 Daily Grades Science/SS

Grades 2-5 Weights

Skyward is set up so that daily grades and major test grades are weighted and should be a reflection of the student's learning journey. A grade may not count more than 2 times for any one assignment.

Examples Major Grades (Not an Exhaustive List)	Examples Daily Grades (Not an Exhaustive List)
Unit Tests District Created Assessments - SBA BBL RLA End of Unit (EOU) - SBA BBL Math End of Module (EOM) - SBA Science End of Chapter - SBA Social Studies End of Unit (EOU) Projects Research Papers Final Drafts Essays Presentations Common Assessments (SBA) Common Formative Assessments (CFA) Lab Practical Written Response Performance Tasks Portfolios *Teachers will have the flexibility to make informed decisions based on their professional judgment and expertise regarding assessments, grading, and instructional practices.	Quizzes Graphic Organizers Rough Drafts Short pieces of writing Exit Tickets Learning Logs Journal Entries Check Points within a larger project-based assignment Performance Task Laboratory Write-Ups *Teachers will have the flexibility to make informed decisions based on their professional judgment and expertise regarding assessments, grading, and instructional practices.

Late Work Guidelines

Late work refers to any assignment that is not submitted during the student's scheduled class period, at the specific time designated by the teacher, on the day when the assignment is due, provided the student is present in class. This policy establishes a clear definition of late submissions and helps maintain consistency in handling assignments within Splendor Independent School District (ISD).

- Opportunities will be offered for students to complete late work within the designated time frame, such as but not limited to:
 - Before school
 - After school

Within the 9 week grading cycle, late work must be completed within 3 days of the assignment due date. After the 3 days, a grade will be assigned based on what has been completed.

Make-up Work

For each day a student is absent, they will be provided with a minimum of one day to make up missed assignments. However, at the teacher's discretion, extended time may be granted within the grading period.

Reassessment Guidelines

Whole Class Reassessment

- In cases where 50% or more of the class fails an assessment, a whole-class reteach and reassess approach will be implemented, as per the guidelines outlined in this document. The original grade obtained by the students will not be recorded.

Individual Student Reassessment

- The student or guardian is responsible for requesting a reassessment directly from their teacher.
- Reassessment must be scheduled within a three-week timeframe from when the original grade was given, falling within the nine-week grading period. This policy allows students the opportunity to request a reassessment and make improvements on their initial performance within a reasonable timeframe.
- The new assessment will encompass the same content as the original assessment but will vary in format, except for written responses. Written compositions are an exception to this format change.
- Students have the opportunity to request up to two major grades each 9-week grading period.
- Tutorial sessions will be provided as a resource for students, and it may be mandatory for students to attend a minimum of one tutorial session before requesting a reassessment.
- Reassessment opportunities may be denied if a student has any missing assignments that are deemed essential for their comprehension of the assessed content or skills.
- Reassessment should be conducted within a five-days time frame from the receipt of the original assessment grade, falling within the nine-week grading period.
- A maximum grade of up to 80% can be earned.

Assessment Guidelines

All teaching staff are required to follow the guidelines outlined in the District Assessment Calendar. Modifications to the assessment procedures are only permitted if properly documented. Diagnostic assessments will not be counted for a grade.

Grading Scale

Academics

90 – 100 indicates outstanding achievement or “A” work

80 – 89 indicates good achievement or “B” work

75 – 79 indicates average achievement or “C” work

70 – 74 indicates poor achievement or “D” work

Below 70 indicates failure or non-mastery

Cheating and Plagiarism

Cheating is defined as the act of giving or receiving information during a test or submitting duplicate work for assignments. The use of technology, such as computers, the internet, cell phones, PDAs, or calculators to cheat or copy the work of another is prohibited. Plagiarism consists of using another person's ideas or writing as one's own. Plagiarism, which involves using someone else's ideas or writing as one's own, is cheating. Students found to be cheating will be referred to their respective assistant principal for disciplinary action. This policy emphasizes the district's commitment to academic integrity and the consequences for violating these guidelines.

Grade Reporting

All students will receive a progress report and a report card according to the district schedule. It is best practice to contact parents if there is a drastic change between the progress report and the report card.

Dual Language

Dual Language (DL) students will receive grades that represent their performance on TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) objectives in both English and Spanish.

Dual Language Grading Guidelines: Because DL students are learning content and language at the same time, teachers use linguistically differentiated assessments or accommodations to measure the acquisition of academic knowledge and skills in students' second language. The differentiated assessment is based on students' second language proficiency level. Some examples of differentiated assessment and accommodations are reduced wording in a reading passage, fewer questions or answer choices, extra time, and the use of a bilingual dictionary. Translation is not an accepted differentiated assessment option. Conceptual understanding is primarily assessed in the student's dominant language, as teachers are measuring the knowledge or skill, and not second language development.

Second Language Development Progress Report: Each nine weeks, DL students will receive a progress report describing the student's current second language proficiency level, and specific comments about their language development progress in that grading period. The second language proficiency levels will include Pre-Production, Beginning, Intermediate, High Intermediate, Advanced. The second language development progress report will be part of the student's permanent folder.

Homework Policy

Homework is work assigned to be completed at home and will not be graded. No new concepts should be included in homework assignments. Homework is an effective tool in developing responsibility, study habits, and skills. It is an extension of the learning process and supports a home and school connection. It should be purposeful, related to classroom experiences, age and grade appropriate. The purpose and directions for the assignment need to be clearly communicated and should be preceded by instruction that adequately prepares the child to complete the task independently and successfully.

Homework is not to be assigned on weekends or before holidays with the exception of previously scheduled special reports and/or projects. Teachers assign homework on an as needed basis, thus not all teachers will assign homework.

Secondary Grading Guidelines Grades 6-12 (Updated 7/14/2025)

This document outlines grading guidelines for secondary grades in Splendora Independent School District (ISD). This document establishes norms and standards for assessing student quality of work, promoting consistency and fairness across the district. Stakeholders within Splendora ISD may use this document as a resource to promote equitable evaluation and reporting of student progress, fostering a consistent and transparent grading system.

Late Work Guidelines

Late work refers to any assignment that is not submitted during the student's scheduled class period, at the specific time designated by the teacher, on the day when the assignment is due, provided the student is present in class. This policy establishes a clear definition of late submissions and helps maintain consistency in handling assignments within Splendora Independent School District (ISD).

Late work must be submitted within a two-week timeframe from the original assignment due date, falling within the nine-week grading period. Late submissions will receive a maximum grade of up to 70%.

Make-up Work

For each day a student is absent, they will be provided with a minimum of one day to make up missed assignments. However, at the teacher's discretion, extended time may be granted within the grading period.

Reassessment Guidelines

Whole Class Reassessment

- In cases where 50% or more of the class fails an assessment, a whole-class reteach and reassess approach will be implemented, as per the guidelines outlined in this document. The original grade obtained by the students will not be recorded.

Individual Student Reassessment

- Students are responsible for requesting a reassessment directly from their teacher.
- Reassessment must be scheduled within a three-week time frame from when the original grade was given, falling within the nine-week grading period. This policy allows students the opportunity to request a reassessment and make improvements to their initial performance within a reasonable timeframe.
 - Within the three-week time frame, reassessment should be conducted within five days once requested by the student, falling within the nine-week grading period.

- The new assessment will encompass the same content as the original assessment but will vary in format, except for written responses. Written compositions are an exception to this format change.
- Students have the opportunity to request up to two major reassessments each 9-week grading period.
- Tutorial sessions will be provided as a resource for students, and it may be mandatory for students to attend a minimum of one tutorial session before requesting a reassessment.
- Reassessment opportunities may be denied if a student has any missing assignments that are deemed essential for their comprehension of the assessed content or skills.
- A maximum grade of up to 80% can be earned.

Assessment Guidelines

All teaching staff are required to follow the guidelines outlined in the District Assessment Calendar. Modifications to the assessment procedures are only permitted if properly documented. Diagnostic assessments will not be counted for a grade.

Skyward Grading Scale

Skyward is set up so that daily grades are weighted 40% and major grades are weighted 60%. Grades should be a reflection of the student's learning journey.

Semester and final exams will be cumulative and will each count for 10% of the semester grade.

Major Grade Assignments

Major assignments refer to complex tasks or assessments. Students must receive advance notice of any activity or test that constitutes a major grade. Additionally, students will be informed of content covered on all assessments. Each grading period will include a minimum of three major grades, providing a balanced assessment of student performance. Teachers are responsible for returning and reviewing major assignments with students in a timely manner. Major grade assignments may include:

- SBAs
- Projects
- Oral Reports/Presentations
- Final Essays/Compositions
- Research Papers
- End of Unit Assessments

Daily Grade Assignments

Daily assignments in Splendora Independent School District (ISD) include classwork, quizzes, and homework. It is expected that teachers return and review these daily assignments with students in a timely manner, ensuring prompt feedback and an opportunity for students to learn from their work. Teachers are required to have a minimum of 10 daily assignments within each grading period, promoting regular assessment and engagement in the learning process.

Examples Major Grades (Not an Exhaustive List)	Examples Daily Grades (Not an Exhaustive List)
District Created Assessments (SBA) - <i>taken by all STAAR/EOC courses/contents and 6th grade & 7th grade Social Studies</i> <u>Common Assessments (Course Specific):</u> - ELAR End of Unit (6th only) - BBL Math End of Topic (EOT) Unit Tests Projects Research Papers Final Drafts Essays Presentations Common Assessments (SBA) Common Formative Assessments (CFA) Lab Practicals Written Responses Performance Tasks Portfolios *Teachers will have the flexibility to make informed decisions based on their professional judgment and expertise regarding assessments, grading, and instructional practices.	Quizzes Graphic Organizers Rough Drafts Short pieces of writing Exit Tickets Learning Logs Journal Entries Checkpoints within a larger project-based assignment Performance Tasks Laboratory Write-Ups *Teachers will have the flexibility to make informed decisions based on their professional judgment and expertise regarding assessments, grading, and instructional practices.

Incomplete Grades

An incomplete (I) grade is assigned to students who have not completed the required work by the end of the nine weeks due to extended absences. The incomplete grade should be replaced with a final grade within a reasonable timeframe at the conclusion of the reporting period. Exceptions for extenuating circumstances may be granted by the campus administration. Students with an “incomplete” grade are ineligible for U.I.L. extracurricular activities until the “I” is replaced with a passing grade. This policy ensures that students are aware of the expectations and provides them with an opportunity to complete the necessary work and demonstrate their proficiency within a reasonable timeframe.

Cheating and Plagiarism

Cheating is defined as the act of giving or receiving information during a test or submitting duplicate work for assignments. The unauthorized use of technology, such as computers, cell phones, websites, artificial intelligence programs, or calculators to cheat or copy the work of another is prohibited. Plagiarism involves using someone else’s ideas or writing as one’s own. Plagiarism is also when a student submits work that was not an original creation of the student. Students found to be cheating will be referred to

their respective assistant principal for disciplinary action. This policy emphasizes the district's commitment to academic integrity and the consequences for violating these guidelines.

Advanced Academics

Pre-Advanced Placement, Honors, Advanced Placement, and Dual credit Courses are designed to challenge students beyond grade-level academic courses and prepare them for success in future advanced coursework.

Pre-AP Courses/Honors

- Pre-AP/Honors students are held to the expectation of submitting all their work within the designated deadlines set by the teacher. However, the school acknowledges that extenuating circumstances may arise, and these situations will be handled on an individual basis. The school administration will carefully consider and address each case to ensure fairness and understanding while maintaining the overall expectation of timely completion for Pre-AP/Honor students. All assignments not completed during the class period will have a minimum one-week window for submission.
- Students enrolled in Pre-AP/Honors courses may have the opportunity to reassess one major grade each grading period.
- **Skyward Grading Scale** Skyward is set up so that daily grades are weighted 40% and major grades are weighted 60%. Grades should be a reflection of the student's learning journey.
- Semester and final exams will be cumulative and will each count for 10% of the semester grade.

Dual Credit

Grading guidelines for dual credit courses are set by Lone Star College-Kingwood.

Dual Enrollment

Grading guidelines for OnRamps dual enrollment courses are set by University of Texas-Austin.

AP Courses

- AP students are held to the expectation of submitting all their work within the designated deadlines set by the teacher. AP courses follow a rigorous and extensive College Board curriculum that is designed to prepare students to take an AP exam with the goal of achieving college credit. However, the school recognizes that extenuating circumstances may arise, and these situations will be evaluated on an individual basis. The school administration will carefully consider and address each case to ensure fairness and understanding while upholding the overall expectation of timely completion for AP students. All

assignments not completed during the class period will have a minimum one-week window for submission.

- Students enrolled in AP courses do not have reassess opportunities.
- **Skyward Grading Scale** Skyward is set up so that daily grades are weighted 30% and major grades are weighted 70%. Grades should be a reflection of the student's learning journey.
- Semester and final exams will be cumulative and will each count for 10% of the semester grade.

Newcomers

Grading exemptions for newcomer Emergent Bilingual (EB) students are not appropriate. The focus should be on content-based language instructional strategies and classroom assessment practices for newcomer EB students that facilitate access to the curriculum and opportunities for varied methods for demonstrating content knowledge for grading purposes. Beginning levels of English language proficiency should not be a basis for failure or retention.

[See Report Cards/Progress Reports and Conferences (All Grade Levels) for additional information on grading guidelines.]

Graduation (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

Requirements for a Diploma

A student must meet the following requirements to receive a high school diploma from the district:

- Achieve passing scores on certain end-of-course (EOC) assessments or approved substitute assessments, unless specifically waived as permitted by state law
- Complete the required number of credits established by the state and any additional credits required by the district
- Complete any locally required courses in addition to the courses mandated by the state
- Demonstrate proficiency, as determined by the district, in the specific communication skills required by the State Board of Education (SBOE)
- Complete and submit a free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) or a Texas application for state financial aid (TASFA)

Testing Requirements for Graduation

Students are required, with limited exceptions and regardless of graduation program, to perform satisfactorily on the following EOC assessments:

- English I

- English II
- Algebra I
- Biology
- U.S. History

A student who does not achieve a sufficient score will have opportunities to retake an assessment.

State law allows a student to meet EOC requirements by substituting satisfactory performance on approved national standardized assessments or on the state-developed assessment used for entrance into Texas public universities. [See the school counselor for more information on the state testing requirements for graduation.]

If a student fails to perform satisfactorily on an EOC assessment, the district will provide remediation in the applicable content area. This may require the student's participation outside normal school operating times.

In limited circumstances, a student who fails to demonstrate proficiency on up to two of the required assessments may still be eligible to graduate if an individual graduation committee, formed in accordance with state law, unanimously determines that the student is eligible to graduate.

[See Standardized Testing]

Foundation Graduation Program

Every Texas public school student will graduate under the foundation graduation program. The foundation graduation program features endorsements, which are paths of interest that include:

- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)
- Business and Industry
- Public Service
- Arts and Humanities
- Multidisciplinary Studies

Endorsements earned by a student will be noted on the student's transcript.

A student can complete the foundation graduation program with a "distinguished level of achievement," which reflects the completion of at least one endorsement and Algebra II as one of the required advanced mathematics credits.

Personal Graduation Plans will be completed for each high school student.

State law generally prohibits a student from graduating solely under the foundation graduation program without an endorsement. However, after the student's sophomore year, the student and student's parent may request that the student graduate without an endorsement. The district will advise the student and the student's parent of the specific benefits of graduating with an endorsement. The student and the student's parent must

then submit written permission to the school counselor for the student to graduate without an endorsement.

A student who wishes to attend a four-year university or college after graduation must carefully consider whether graduation under the foundation program without an endorsement will satisfy the admission requirements of the student's desired college or university.

A student graduating under the foundation graduation program can also earn performance acknowledgments on their transcript. Performance acknowledgments are available for outstanding performance in bilingualism and biliteracy, in a dual credit course, on an AP or IB examination, on certain national college preparatory and readiness or college entrance examinations, or for earning a license or certificate recognized at the state, national, or international level. The school counselor can provide more information about these acknowledgments.

A student is not required to complete an Algebra II course to graduate under the foundation graduation program, and the district will annually notify a student's parent of this fact. However, not taking Algebra II will make a student ineligible for automatic admission to four-year public universities and colleges in Texas and for certain financial aid and grants while attending those institutions.

A school district will permit a student to satisfy the curriculum requirements for graduation under the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement, including an endorsement, by successfully completing courses in the core curriculum of a public Texas institution of higher education. Please see your counselor for more information.

Credits Required

The foundation graduation program requires completion of the following credits:

Course Area	Number of Credits: Foundation Graduation Program	Number of Credits: Foundation Graduation Program with an Endorsement
English/Language Arts	4	4
Mathematics	3	4
Science	3	4
Social Studies	3	3
Physical Education	1	1
Languages other than English	2	2

Fine Arts	1	1
Electives (one must be a technology credit)	5	7
Total	22 credits	26 credits

Additional considerations apply in some course areas, including:

- **Mathematics:** To obtain the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation graduation program, a student must complete an endorsement and take Algebra II as one of the 4 mathematics credits. A student's completion of the distinguished level of achievement is a requirement to be considered for automatic admission to a Texas four-year college or university and will be included on a student's transcript.
- **Physical education:** A student who is unable to participate in physical activity due to a disability or illness may be able to substitute a course in English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, or another locally determined credit-bearing course for the required credit of physical education. This determination will be made by the student's ARD committee, Section 504 committee, or other campus committee, as applicable.
- **Languages other than English:** To graduate from a Texas high school, students must demonstrate mastery of a Language Other than English (LOTE). This can be accomplished by earning two credits in the same language.
 - A student may substitute computer programming languages for these credits.
 - A student may satisfy one of the 2 required credits by successfully completing in elementary school a dual language immersion program.
 - In limited circumstances, a student may be able to substitute this requirement with other courses, as determined by a district committee authorized by law to make these decisions for the student.

Available Endorsements

A student must specify which endorsement to pursue upon entering grade 9.

Financial Aid Application Requirement

Before graduating from high school, each student must complete and submit an application for financial aid for post-secondary education. Students must complete and submit either a free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) or a Texas application for state financial aid (TASFA). The district will host FAFSA nights, provide information on the district website, senior meetings, and individually meet with students as needed to complete and submit the FAFSA or TASFA.

A student is not required to complete and submit a FAFSA or TASFA if:

- The student's parent submits a form provided by the district indicating that the parent authorizes the student to opt out
- A student who is 18 years of age or older or a legally independent minor submits a form provided by the district indicating that the student opts out
- A school counselor authorizes the student to opt out for good cause

Please contact the school counselor for more information.

To confirm that a student has completed and submitted a FAFSA or TASFA, the student must submit one of the following:

- A screenshot that includes the processed date field of the FAFSA ApplyTexas Counselor Suite
- Notification, such as a copy of an email, from the United States Department of Education verifying completion of the FAFSA
- A copy or screenshot of the FAFSA acknowledgment page
- A screenshot of the TASFA submission acknowledgment page (from those institutions that offer an electronic form)
- An acknowledgment receipt from an institution of higher education (IHE)
- A copy of a financial aid award letter from an IHE

Personal Graduation Plans

A personal graduation plan will be developed for each high school student.

The district encourages all students to pursue a personal graduation plan that includes the completion of at least one endorsement and to graduate with the distinguished level of achievement. Attainment of the distinguished level of achievement is a requirement for a student to be considered for automatic admission to a public four-year college or university in Texas, depending on their rank in class.

The school will review personal graduation plan options with each student entering grade 9 and the student's parent. Before the end of grade 9, a student and their parent will be required to sign off on a personal graduation plan that promotes college and workforce readiness, promotes career placement and advancement, and facilitates the transition from secondary to postsecondary education.

The student's personal graduation plan will outline an appropriate course sequence based on the student's choice of endorsement.

Please review [TEA's Graduation Toolkit](https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/news-and-multimedia/brochures/tea-brochures) (<https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/news-and-multimedia/brochures/tea-brochures>).

A student may amend their personal graduation plan after this initial confirmation. The school will send written notice of any such amendment to the student's parent.

Available Course Options for All Graduation Programs

Each spring, the district will update students on the courses required or offered in each curriculum area so students can enroll for the upcoming school year.

Note: The district may require the completion of certain courses for graduation even if these courses are not required by the state for graduation.

Not all courses are offered at every secondary campus in the district. A student who wants to take a course not offered at their regular campus should contact the school counselor about a transfer or other alternatives. If the parents of at least 22 students request a transfer for a course in the required curriculum other than fine arts or career and technical education (CTE), the district will offer the course the following year either by teleconference or at the school from which the transfers were requested.

Certificates of Coursework Completion

A certificate of coursework completion will be issued to a student who has successfully completed state and local credit requirements for graduation but has not yet demonstrated satisfactory performance on the state-mandated tests required for graduation.

Students with Disabilities

Admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committees will make instructional and assessment decisions for students with disabilities who receive special education services in accordance with state law.

Upon the recommendation of the ARD committee, a student with a disability who receives special education services may be permitted to graduate under the provisions of their individualized education program (IEP) and in accordance with state rules.

A student who receives special education services may earn the distinguished level of achievement or an endorsement under the foundation program. If the student's curriculum requirements for the endorsement were modified, the student's ARD committee will determine whether the modified curriculum is sufficiently rigorous to earn the distinguished level of achievement or endorsement. The ARD committee must also determine whether the student must perform satisfactorily on any end-of-course assessment to earn an endorsement.

A student who receives special education services and has completed four years of high school but has not met the requirements of their IEP may participate in graduation ceremonies and receive a certificate of attendance. The student may then remain enrolled to complete the IEP and earn a high school diploma but will only be allowed to participate in one graduation ceremony.

[See policy FMH(LEGAL) for more information.]

Graduation Activities

Graduation activities will include:

- Senior Awards Night
- Senior Trip
- Prom

- Graduation Practice
- Graduation Ceremony

Students who have met coursework requirements for graduation but have not yet demonstrated satisfactory performance on end-of-course assessments or been declared eligible to graduate by an individual graduation committee, if applicable, will be allowed to participate in graduation activities. Keep in mind that participating in the ceremonies is not the same as graduating. Ultimately, the final awarding of a diploma will be contingent upon the student's completion of all applicable requirements for graduation.

Participation in senior activities—including, but not limited to, Prom, awards ceremonies, senior trips, graduation practice, and the graduation ceremony—is a privilege and not a right. This privilege may be revoked due to serious or repeated disciplinary violations occurring at any point during the school year, with particular consideration given to conduct during the final weeks of school.

Senior students assigned to DAEP or engaged in severe misconduct—including, but not limited to, destruction of property, vandalism, trespassing, breaking and entering, disruptive behavior, or “senior pranks” that result in damage or disruption—may be ineligible to participate in senior events. Students who are assigned to DAEP on or near the last instructional day may also be excluded from end-of-year senior activities, including graduation-related events, at administrative discretion.

In addition, any behavior that disrupts the dignity, safety, or order of graduation ceremonies—including inappropriate conduct during the ceremony itself—may result in removal from the event and/or loss of participation privileges in other senior activities. All final determinations regarding participation will be made by campus administration.

Students who are eligible to graduate but are assigned to a disciplinary alternative education program at the end of the school year will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony and related graduation activities unless otherwise specified in the disciplinary alternative education program placement order or unless the student's reason for placement prohibits attendance on campus or at graduation.

Graduation Speakers

Certain graduating students will be given an opportunity to speak at graduation ceremonies.

A student must meet local eligibility criteria, which may include requirements related to student conduct, to have a speaking role. Students eligible for speaking roles will be notified by the principal and given an opportunity to volunteer.

[See the Student Code of Conduct and policy FNA(LOCAL) for more information.]

[See Student Speakers (All Grade Levels) for student speakers at other school events.]

Graduation Expenses

Because students and parents will incur expenses to participate in the traditions of graduation — such as the purchase of invitations, senior ring, cap and gown, and senior picture — both the student and parent should monitor progress toward completion of all requirements for graduation. The expenses often are incurred in the junior year or first semester of the senior year. [See Fees (All Grade Levels)]

Scholarships and Grants

Students who have a financial need according to federal criteria and who complete the foundation graduation program may be eligible under the TEXAS Grant Program, Teach for Texas Grant Program, and Future Texas Teachers Scholarship Program for scholarships and grants toward tuition and fees to Texas public universities, community colleges, and technical schools, as well as to private institutions. Certain students who graduate early may also be eligible for the Texas First Scholarship Program.

[See College and University Admissions and Financial Aid (All Grade Levels) for more information.]

Contact the school counselor for information about other scholarships and grants available to students.

Harassment

[See Dating Violence, Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (All Grade Levels)]

Hazing (All Grade Levels)

Hazing is defined as an intentional, knowing, or reckless act, on or off campus, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student for the purpose of pledging, initiation into, affiliation with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in a student organization if the act meets the elements in Education Code 37.151, including:

- Any type of physical brutality
- An activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the student's mental or physical health, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement to small spaces, calisthenics, or consumption of food, liquids, drugs, or other substances
- An activity that induces, causes, or requires the student to perform a duty or task that violates the Penal Code
- Coercing a student to consume a drug or alcoholic beverage in an amount that would lead a reasonable person to believe the student is intoxicated

The district will not tolerate hazing. Disciplinary consequences for hazing will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. It is a criminal offense if a person engages in hazing; solicits, encourages, directs, aids, or attempts to aid another in hazing; or has firsthand knowledge of an incident of hazing being planned or having occurred and fails to report this to the principal, superintendent, or law enforcement official.

[See Bullying (All Grade Levels) and policies FFI and FNCC for more information.]

Health — Physical and Mental

Health-Related Services

The district is required to provide notice of each health-related service offered at a student's campus. A parent may withhold consent for or decline a health-related service.

Illness (All Grade Levels)

When your child is ill, please contact the school to let us know they will not be attending that day.

State rules require schools to exclude students with certain illnesses from school for certain periods of time. For example, a child with a fever over 100 degrees must stay out of school until fever-free for 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medications. Students with diarrheal illnesses must stay home until they are diarrhea-free without use of diarrhea-suppressing medications for 24 hours.

A full list of conditions for which the school must exclude children can be obtained from the school nurse.

If a student becomes ill during the school day and the school nurse determines that the child should go home, the nurse will contact the parent.

The district is required to report certain contagious (communicable) diseases or illnesses to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) or our local/regional health authority. The school nurse can provide information from DSHS on these notifiable conditions.

The school nurse is available to answer any questions for parents who are concerned about whether or not their child should stay home.

Immunization (All Grade Levels)

A student must be fully immunized against certain diseases or must present a certificate or statement that, for medical reasons or reasons of conscience, including a religious belief, the student will not be immunized.

For exemptions based on reasons of conscience, only official forms issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Immunization Branch, can be honored by the district. You may access the [DSHS exemption form \(https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunization-unit/texas-school-child-care-facility-immunization/texas-immunization-exemptions\)](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunization-unit/texas-school-child-care-facility-immunization/texas-immunization-exemptions) online or by writing to this address:

Texas Department of State Health Services
Immunization Section, Mail Code 1946
P.O. Box 149347
Austin, Texas 78714-9347

The form must be notarized and submitted to the principal or school nurse within 90 days of notarization. If the parent is seeking an exemption for more than one student in the family, a separate form must be provided for each student.

The immunizations required are:

- Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis
- Polio
- Measles, mumps, and rubella
- Hepatitis B
- Varicella (chicken pox)
- Meningococcal
- Hepatitis A

The school nurse can provide information on immunization requirements. Proof of immunization may be established by personal records from a licensed physician or public health clinic with a signature or rubber-stamp validation.

If a student should not be immunized for medical reasons, the student or parent must present a certificate signed by a U.S. registered and licensed physician stating that, in the doctor's opinion, the immunization required is medically contraindicated or poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of the student or a member of the student's family or household. This certificate must be renewed yearly unless the physician specifies a lifelong condition.

For information on immunization against bacterial meningitis and college enrollment and attendance, see Bacterial Meningitis (All Grade Levels).

[See the DSHS's [School and Childcare Vaccine Requirements](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/school) (<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/school>) and policy FFAB(LEGAL) for more information.]

Lice (All Grade Levels)

Head lice is very common among children. Although not an illness or a disease, head lice spread through head-to-head contact during play, sports, nap time, and when children share things like brushes, combs, hats, and headphones.

The district does not require or recommend that students be removed from school because of lice or nits.

If careful observation indicates that a student has head lice, the school nurse will contact the student's parent to discuss a treatment plan using an FDA-approved medicated shampoo or cream rinse that may be purchased from any drug or grocery store. After the student undergoes one treatment, the parent should contact the school nurse to discuss the treatment used. The nurse can also offer additional recommendations, including subsequent treatments, how best to get rid of lice, and how to prevent lice from returning.

The district will provide notice to parents of elementary school students in an affected classroom without identifying the student with lice.

More information on head lice is available on the DSHS website [Managing Head Lice in School Settings and at Home](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-school-health/skilled-procedures-texas-school-health/managing-head-lice-school) (<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-school-health/skilled-procedures-texas-school-health/managing-head-lice-school>) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website [About Head Lice](https://www.cdc.gov/lice/about/head-lice.html) (<https://www.cdc.gov/lice/about/head-lice.html>).

[See policy FFAA for more information.]

Medicine at School (All Grade Levels)

If a student must take medication during school hours, the student's parent must provide the medication. All medication, whether prescription or nonprescription, must be kept in the nurse's office and be administered by the nurse or another authorized district employee. A student may be authorized to possess their own medication because of asthma or a severe allergy as described below or as otherwise allowed by law.

The district will not purchase nonprescription medication to give to a student.

In accordance with policy FFAC, authorized employees may administer:

- Prescription medication in the original, properly labeled container, provided by the parent along with a written request.
- Prescription medication from a properly labeled unit dosage container filled by a registered nurse or another qualified district employee from the original, properly labeled container provided by the parent along with a written request.
- Nonprescription medication in the original, properly labeled container, provided by the parent along with a written request. **Note:** Insect repellent is considered nonprescription medication.
- Herbal or dietary supplements provided by the parent only if required by the student's individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan for a student with disabilities.

An elementary or secondary student may possess and self-apply sunscreen to avoid overexposure to the sun. An elementary student's teacher or other district personnel will apply sunscreen to the student's exposed skin if the student brings the sunscreen to school and asks for help applying it. If a secondary student needs assistance with sunscreen application, please address the need with the school nurse.

Whether a student is at the elementary or secondary level, if sunscreen needs to be administered to treat any type of medical condition, this should be handled through communication with the school nurse so that the district is made aware of any safety and medical issues.

Asthma and Severe Allergic Reactions

A student with asthma or severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) may possess and use prescribed asthma or anaphylaxis medication at school or school-related events only if

they have written authorization from a parent and a physician or other licensed health-care provider. The student must also demonstrate to their health-care provider and the school nurse the ability to use the prescribed medication, including any device required to administer the medication.

If the student has been prescribed asthma or anaphylaxis medication for use during the school day, the student and parents should discuss this with the school nurse or principal.

[See also Food Allergies (All Grade Levels)]

Unassigned Opioid Antagonists All Grades

In accordance with Chapter 38, Subchapter E of the Education Code, the board has adopted a policy to allow authorized and trained campus nurses and/or school personnel at each campus to administer an opioid antagonist, such as Narcan or Naloxone, to an individual who is reasonably believed to be experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose.

One or more authorized and trained individuals will be present on each campus subject to this policy during regular school hours.

Steroids (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

State law prohibits students from possessing, dispensing, delivering, or administering an anabolic steroid. Anabolic steroids are for physician-prescribed medical use only.

Body building, muscle enhancement, or the increase of muscle bulk or strength through the use of an anabolic steroid or human growth hormone by a healthy student is not a valid medical use and is a criminal offense.

Mental Health Support (All Grade Levels)

The district has implemented programs to address the following mental health, behavioral health, and substance abuse concerns:

- Mental health promotion and early intervention
- Building skills to manage emotions, establish and maintain positive relationships, and engage in responsible decision-making
- Substance abuse prevention and intervention
- Suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention (interventions after a suicide in a community)
- Grief, trauma, and trauma-informed care
- Positive behavior interventions and supports
- Positive youth development
- Safe, supportive, and positive school climates

Splendora ISD uses the following programs to address mental and behavioral health and substance abuse concerns:

- Texas Child Health Access through Telemedicine - The TCHAT Program is designed to deliver free telemedicine services for students to assist with identifying or assessing mental health needs and providing access to mental health care services. Services include: Assessment & Triage, Brief Interventions, Connection to community based providers
- Catch My Breath - evidence based prevention program utilized in grades 5-12.
- CHAMPS - is a classroom management strategy that helps teachers define and communicate clear expectations for student behavior.
- Capturing Kids Hearts Premium Character Education - implements transformational processes focused on social-emotional wellbeing, relationship driven campus culture and student connectedness.
- Cenikor Prevention Curriculum - facilitated through an MOU with Cenikor
- Locally developed guidance and presentations - lessons that help students make good choices, being kind to others, and what to do in times of stress.

If a student has been hospitalized or placed in residential treatment for a mental health condition or substance abuse, the district has procedures to support the student's return to school. Please contact the district's mental health liaison for further information.

Teachers and other district employees may discuss a student's academic progress or behavior with the student's parents or another employee as appropriate; however, they are not permitted to recommend use of psychotropic drugs. A psychotropic drug is a substance used in the diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of a disease or as a component of a medication that is intended to alter perception, emotion, mood, or behavior.

A district employee who is a registered nurse, an advanced nurse practitioner, a physician, or a certified or credentialed mental health professional can recommend that a student be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner, if appropriate. [See policy FFEB for more information.]

For related information, see:

- Consent to Conduct a Psychological or Psychiatric Evaluation and Consent to Provide a Mental Health Care Service for the district's procedures for recommending a mental health intervention and the mental health liaison's contact information
- Counseling for the district's comprehensive school counseling program
- Physical and Mental Health Resources (All Grade Levels) for campus and community mental and physical health resources
- Policies and Procedures that Promote Student Physical and Mental Health (All Grade Levels) for board-adopted policies and administrative procedures that promote student health

Physical Activity Requirements

Elementary School

The district will ensure that students in full-day prekindergarten-grade 5 engage in moderate or vigorous physical activity for at least 30 minutes per day or 135 minutes per week, in accordance with policies at EHAB, EHAC, EHBG, and FFA.

For additional information on the district's elementary school student physical activity programs and requirements, please see the principal.

Junior High/Middle School

The district will ensure that students in middle or junior high school will engage in at least 225 minutes of moderate or vigorous physical activity within each two-week period for at least four semesters, in accordance with policies at EHAB, EHAC, EHBG, and FFA.

For additional information on the district's junior high and middle school student physical activity programs and requirements, please see the principal.

Temporary Restriction from Participation in Physical Education

Students who are temporarily restricted from participation in physical education will not actively participate in skill demonstration but will remain in class to learn the concepts of the lessons.

Physical Fitness Assessment (Grades 3-12)

Annually, the district will conduct a physical fitness assessment of students in grades 3-12 who are enrolled in a physical education course or a course for which physical education credit is awarded. At the end of the school year, a parent may submit a written request to obtain the results of their child's physical fitness assessment conducted during the school year by contacting Deana Eubanks, Splendor Independent School District Athletic Director.

Physical Health Screenings/Examinations

Athletics Participation (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

For certain extracurricular activities, a student must submit certification from an authorized health-care provider. The certification must state that the student has been examined and is physically able to participate in the relevant program, including:

- A district athletics program
- District marching band
- Any district extracurricular program identified by the superintendent

This examination is required to be submitted annually to the district.

Students should be aware of the rare possibility of sudden cardiac arrest, which in athletes is usually caused by a previously unsuspected heart disease or disorder. A

student may request an electrocardiogram (ECG or EKG) to screen for such disorders, in addition to the required physical examination.

See the UIL's explanation of [sudden cardiac arrest](https://www.uiltexas.org/health/info/sudden-cardiac-death) (<https://www.uiltexas.org/health/info/sudden-cardiac-death>) for more information.

Spinal Screening Program

School-based spinal screening helps identify adolescents with abnormal spinal curvature at an early stage when the curve is mild and may go unnoticed. Early detection is key to controlling spinal deformities. Spinal screening is non-invasive and conducted in accordance with the most recent nationally accepted and peer-reviewed standards.

All students who meet the Texas Department of State Health Services criteria will be screened for abnormal spinal curvature before the end of the school year. As appropriate, students will be referred for follow-up with their physician.

For information on spinal screening by an outside professional or exemption from spinal screening based on religious beliefs, contact the superintendent or see policy FFAA(LEGAL).

Special Health Concerns (All Grade Levels)

Bacterial Meningitis (All Grade Levels)

Please see the district's website at www.splendoraisd.org for information regarding meningitis.

Note: Entering college students must show, with limited exception, evidence of receiving a bacterial meningitis vaccination within the five-year period prior to enrolling in and taking courses at an institution of higher education. Please see the school nurse for more information, as this may affect a student who wishes to enroll in a dual credit course taken off campus.

[See Immunization (All Grade Levels)]

Diabetes

In accordance with a student's individual health plan for management of diabetes, a student with diabetes will be permitted to possess and use monitoring and treatment supplies and equipment while at school or at a school-related activity. See the school nurse or principal for information. [See policy FFAF(LEGAL) for more information.]

Food Allergies (All Grade Levels)

Parents should notify the district when a student has been diagnosed with a food allergy, especially an allergy that could result in dangerous or life-threatening reactions either by breathing, eating, or touching the particular food. It is important to disclose the food to which the student is allergic as well as the nature of the allergic reaction. Please

contact the school nurse or campus principal if your child has a known food allergy or as soon as possible after any diagnosis of a food allergy.

The district has developed and annually reviews a food allergy management plan, based on the Texas Department of State Health Services' (DSHS) *Guidelines for the Care of Students with Food Allergies at Risk for Anaphylaxis* found on the DSHS [Allergies and Anaphylaxis](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-school-health/resource-library/asthma-allergies-and-anaphylaxis) website (<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-school-health/resource-library/asthma-allergies-and-anaphylaxis>)

When the district receives information that a student has a food allergy that puts the student at risk for anaphylaxis, an individual care plan will be developed to assist the student in safely accessing the school environment. The district's food allergy management plan can be accessed by contacting Charles Rawls, Child Nutrition Director, at crawls@splendoraisd.org or 281-689-3124.

[See Celebrations (All Grade Levels) and policy FFAF for more information.]

Seizures (All Grade Levels)

To address the care of a student with a seizure disorder while at school or participating in a school activity, a parent may submit a seizure management and treatment plan to the district before the beginning of the school year, upon enrollment of the student, or as soon as practicable following diagnosis of a seizure disorder. A parent who submits a plan must use the [Seizure Management and Treatment Plan Form](https://tea.texas.gov/academics/tea-seizure-management-form.pdf) (<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/tea-seizure-management-form.pdf>) developed by the Texas Education Agency.

[See A Student with Physical or Mental Impairments Protected under Section 504 and contact the school nurse for more information.]

Tobacco, E-Cigarettes, and Nicotine Products Prohibited (All Grade Levels)

Students are prohibited from possessing or using any type of tobacco product, electronic cigarette (e-cigarette), or any other electronic vaporizing device while on school property or while attending an off-campus school-related activity. With limited exceptions for medication, [see Medicine at School (All Grade Levels)] students are also prohibited from possessing or using any type of nicotine product, including nicotine pouches, regardless of whether the product contains tobacco, while on school property or while attending an off-campus school-related activity.

The district and its staff strictly enforce prohibitions against the use of all tobacco products, e-cigarettes, or any other electronic vaporizing device by students and all others on school property and at school-sponsored and school-related activities. [See the Student Code of Conduct and policies FNCD and GKA for more information.]

Health-Related Resources, Policies, and Procedures

Physical and Mental Health Resources (All Grade Levels)

Parents and students in need of assistance with physical and mental health concerns may contact the following campus and community resources:

- The campus nurse;
- The campus school counselor;
- The Director of Counseling, Tamara Abke, tabke@splendoraisd.org, 281-689-4490;
- The local public health authority, Montgomery County Public Health District, which may be contacted at 936-523-5020;
- The local mental health authority, TriCounty Behavioral Healthcare, which may be contacted at 936-521-6100.

Policies and Procedures that Promote Student Physical and Mental Health (All Grade Levels)

The district has adopted board policies that promote student physical and mental health. Local policies on the topics below can be found in the district's policy manual, available at the central administration office and online at www.splendoraisd.org.

- Food and nutrition management: CO, COA, COB
- Wellness and Health Services: FFA
- Physical Examinations: FFAA
- Immunizations: FFAB
- Medical Treatment: FFAC
- Communicable Diseases: FFAD
- School-Based Health Centers: FFAE
- Care Plans: FFAF
- Crisis Intervention: FFB
- Trauma-informed Care: FFBA
- Student Support Services: FFC
- Student Safety: FFF
- Child Abuse and Neglect: FFG
- Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation: FFH
- Freedom from Bullying: FFI

In addition, the District Improvement Plan details the district's strategies to improve student performance through evidence-based practices that address physical and mental health.

The district has developed administrative procedures as necessary to implement the above policies and plans.

For more information about these procedures and access to the District Improvement Plan, please contact Dr. Shane Conklin, Deputy Superintendent, sconklin@splendoraisd.org or 281-689-3128.

School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) (All Grade Levels)

During the preceding school year, the district's School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) held four meetings. Additional information about the district's SHAC is available from the Communications Department at 281-689-4358.

Notification of upcoming SHAC meetings will be posted at each campus administrative office at least 72 hours before the meeting. Notification of upcoming SHAC meetings, meeting minutes, and a recording of each meeting will be posted on the district website at www.splendoraisd.org.

[See Consent to Human Sexuality Instruction, Consent to Instruction on Prevention of Child Abuse, Family Violence, Dating Violence, and Sex Trafficking, and policies BDF and EHAA for more information.]

Student Wellness Policy/Wellness Plan (All Grade Levels)

To encourage healthy habits in our students, the district has developed a board-adopted wellness policy at FFA(LOCAL) and corresponding plans and procedures to implement it. For questions about the content or implementation of the district's wellness policy and plan, please contact Lisa Foster, SHAC Facilitator at 281-689-4358.

Homework (All Grade Levels)

[See grading guidelines.]

Identification Badges

All (6-12 grade) students are required to display a school issued identification badge above their waist at all times during school hours. At the beginning of the school year, each student shall be issued an identification badge at no cost.

Elementary PK-5

It is recommended that students keep their ID badges at school at all times. Replacement ID's will be handled by each campus.

Secondary 6-12

After a student has been issued two temporary IDs, a replacement ID shall be purchased for \$3.00 and discipline action may be taken.

Law Enforcement Agencies (All Grade Levels)

Questioning of Students

When law enforcement officers or other lawful authorities wish to question or interview a student at school, the principal will cooperate fully regarding the conditions of the

interview, including without parental consent, if necessary, if it is part of a child abuse investigation. In other circumstances, the principal will:

- Verify and record the identity of the officer or other authority and ask for an explanation of the need to question the student at school
- Ordinarily make reasonable efforts to notify the parents, unless the interviewer raises what the principal considers to be a valid objection
- Ordinarily be present for the questioning or interview, unless the interviewer raises what the principal considers to be a valid objection

Students Taken into Custody

State law requires the district to permit a student to be taken into legal custody:

- To comply with an order of the juvenile court
- To comply with the laws of arrest
- By a law enforcement officer if there is probable cause to believe the student has engaged in delinquent conduct or conduct in need of supervision
- By a law enforcement officer to obtain fingerprints or photographs for comparison in an investigation
- By a law enforcement officer to obtain fingerprints or photographs to establish a student's identity where the child may have engaged in conduct indicating a need for supervision, such as running away
- By a probation officer if there is probable cause to believe the student has violated a condition of probation imposed by the juvenile court
- By an authorized representative of Child Protective Services (CPS), Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), a law enforcement officer, or a juvenile probation officer, without a court order, under the conditions set out in the Family Code relating to the student's physical health or safety
- To comply with a properly issued directive from a juvenile court to take a student into custody

Before a student is released to a legally authorized person, the principal will verify the person's identity and, to the best of their ability, will verify the person's authority to take custody of the student.

The principal will immediately notify the superintendent and will attempt to notify the parent, unless the legally authorized person raises what the principal considers to be a valid objection to notifying the parents. Because the principal does not have the authority to prevent or delay a student's release to a legally authorized person, any notification will most likely be after the fact.

Notification of Law Violations

The district is required by state law to notify:

- All instructional and support personnel who have responsibility for supervising a student who has been taken into custody, arrested, or referred to the juvenile court for any felony offense or for certain misdemeanors.

- All instructional and support personnel who have regular contact with a student who has been convicted, received deferred prosecution, received deferred adjudication, or was adjudicated for delinquent conduct for any felony offense or certain misdemeanors that occur in school, on school property, or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property. These personnel will also be notified if the principal has reasonable grounds to believe the student has engaged in certain conduct.
- All appropriate district personnel regarding a student who is required to register as a sex offender.

[See policy GRAA(LEGAL) for more information.]

Leaving Campus (All Grade Levels)

Student attendance is crucial. Appointments should be scheduled outside of school hours if possible. Except for extenuating circumstances, students will not regularly be released before the end of the school day.

Parental consent is required before any student leaves campus for any part of the school day.

For students in elementary and middle school, a parent or authorized adult must come to the office and show identification to sign the student out. A campus representative will ask the student to report to the office. For safety purposes and stability of the learning environment, we cannot allow any unescorted adult to go to the classroom or other area to pick up the student. If the student returns to campus the same day, the parent or authorized adult must sign the student back in through the main office upon the student's return. Documentation regarding the reason for the absence will also be required.

The same process applies to students in high school if a parent picks the student up from campus. If the student's parent authorizes the student to leave campus unaccompanied, the parent must submit a note to the main office at least two hours before the student needs to leave campus. A phone call from the parent may be accepted, but the school may ultimately require a note for documentation purposes. The student must sign out through the main office and sign in upon return if the student returns the same day.

If a student becomes ill during the school day and the school nurse or other district personnel determines that the student should go home, the nurse will contact the student's parent and document the parent's wishes regarding release from school.

Unless the parent directs district personnel to release the student unaccompanied, the parent or other authorized adult must follow the sign-out procedures listed above. If a student is permitted by their parent to leave campus unaccompanied, the nurse will document the time of day the student was released. Under no circumstances will a student in elementary or middle school be released unaccompanied.

If a student is 18 years of age or is an emancipated minor, the student may sign out of school. Documentation regarding the reason for the absence will be required.

During Lunch

All Splendora ISD campuses are closed; no students are allowed to leave at lunch without a parent or guardian.

At Any Other Time During the School Day

Students are not authorized to leave campus during regular school hours for any other reason, except with the permission of the principal.

Students who leave campus in violation of these rules will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Lost and Found (All Grade Levels)

A lost and found collection box is located in the campus office. A student who loses an item should check the lost and found box. The district discourages bringing personal items of high monetary value to school, as the district is not responsible for lost or stolen items. The campus will dispose of lost and found items at the end of each semester.

Makeup Work

Makeup Work Because of Absence (All Grade Levels)

A teacher may assign makeup work to a student who misses class based on instructional objectives and the needs of the student in mastering the essential knowledge and skills or meeting subject or course requirements.

The student will be responsible for obtaining and completing the makeup work within the time specified by the teacher. A student who does not make up assigned work within the time allotted by the teacher will receive a grade of zero for the assignment.

The student is encouraged to speak with the teacher if the student knows of an absence ahead of time so that the teacher and student may plan any makeup work. Please remember the importance of student attendance at school. With limited exceptions, all absences count for the 90 percent threshold set in state law regarding attendance for credit or final grade. [See Attendance for Credit or Final Grade (All Grade Levels)]

A student involved in an extracurricular activity must notify teachers ahead of time about any absences.

A student will be permitted to make up tests and turn in projects due in any class missed because of absence. Teachers may assign a late penalty to any long-term project in accordance with timelines approved by the principal and previously communicated to students.

[See Grading Guidelines]

DAEP Makeup Work

Elementary and Middle/Junior High School Grade Levels

A student removed from the regular classroom to in-school suspension or a disciplinary alternative education program will have an opportunity to complete before the beginning of the next school year each course the student was enrolled in at the time of removal from the regular classroom. The district may provide the opportunity by any method available, including a correspondence course, another distance learning option, or summer school. The district will not charge the student for any method of completion provided by the district.

Grades 9-12

If a high school student is enrolled in a foundation curriculum course at the time of removal to a disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP), the student will have an opportunity to complete the course before the beginning of the next school year. The district may provide the opportunity to complete the course through an alternative method, including a correspondence course, another distance learning option, or summer school. The district will not charge the student for any method of completion provided by the district. [See policy FOCA(LEGAL) for more information.]

In-School Suspension (ISS) and Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) Makeup Work (All Grade Levels)

Alternative Means to Receive Coursework

While a student is in ISS or OSS, the district will provide the student with all course work for the student's foundation curriculum classes that the student misses as a result of the suspension.

Opportunity to Complete Courses

A student removed from the regular classroom to ISS or another setting, other than a DAEP, will have an opportunity to complete before the beginning of the next school year each course the student was enrolled in at the time of removal from the regular classroom. The district may provide the opportunity by any method available, including a correspondence course, another distance learning option, or summer school. The district will not charge the student for any method of completion provided by the district. [See policy FO(LEGAL) for more information.]

Nondiscrimination Statement (All Grade Levels)

In its efforts to promote nondiscrimination and as required by law, the district does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sex, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by law in providing education services, activities, and programs, including Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. The district provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

In accordance with Title IX, the district does not and is required not to discriminate on the basis of sex and prohibits sex discrimination in its educational programs or activities. The requirement not to discriminate extends to employment. Inquiries about the application of Title IX may be referred to the district's Title IX Coordinator (see below), to the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, or both.

Other federal laws that prohibit discrimination include Title VI, Section 504, the Age Discrimination Act, the Boy Scouts Act, and Title II.

The district's nondiscrimination policy and grievance procedures are in policy FFH in the district's policy manual, available at <https://pol.tasb.org/PolicyOnline/PolicyDetails?key=913&code=FFH#localTabContent>.

The district has designated and authorized the following employee as the Title IX Coordinator to address concerns or inquiries regarding discrimination on the basis of sex, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, or sex-based harassment. Contact the Director of Student Services, Aubri Deheck, 281-689-4387, adeheck@splendoraisd.org.

Reports can be made at any time and by any person, including during non-business hours, by mail, phone, or email. During district business hours, reports may also be made in person. Upon the district receiving notice or an allegation of sex-based harassment, the Title IX Coordinator will promptly respond in accordance with the process described in policy FFH.

The following district representatives have been designated to address concerns or inquiries about other kinds of discrimination:

- For concerns regarding discrimination on the basis of disability, see the ADA/Section 504 Coordinator: Shannon Wallace, Executive Director of Special Services, 23419 FM 2090, Splendora, TX 77372, 281-689-4357.
- For all other concerns regarding discrimination, see: Dr. Shane Conklin, Deputy Superintendent, 23419 FM 2090, Splendora, TX 77372, 281-689-3128.

[See policies at FB, FFH, and GKD for more information.]

Nontraditional Academic Programs (All Grade Levels)

For information regarding nontraditional program offerings, contact the campus principal directly.

Optional Flexible School Day Program (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

The Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) allows Splendora High School to provide flexible hours and days of attendance for students who meet at least one of the requirements of the Texas Education Code §29.0822(a). The goal of the program is to improve graduation rates for students who are in danger of dropping out of school, have dropped out, or are behind in core subject courses. More information can be found by

contacting the Splendora High School Lead Counselor or your student's high school counselor.

Parent and Family Engagement (All Grade Levels)

Parental Rights and Options

State law provides that a parent has the right to direct the moral and religious training of the parent's child, make decisions concerning the child's education, and consent to medical, psychiatric, and psychological treatment of the child without obstruction or interference from a governmental entity of Texas, including a school district.

In addition to referring to the rights of parents, including the right to withhold consent for or exempt the parent's child from certain activities and instruction specified throughout this handbook, parents may access additional information regarding parental rights at the district's website at www.splendoraisd.org.

Working Together

Experience and research tell us that a child succeeds in education with good communication and a strong partnership between home and school. A parent's involvement and engagement in this partnership may include:

- Encouraging your child to put a high priority on education and working with your child every day to make the most of the educational opportunities the school provides.
- Ensuring that your child completes all homework assignments and special projects and comes to school each day prepared, rested, and ready to learn.
- Becoming familiar with all your child's school activities and with the academic programs, including special programs, offered in the district.
- Discussing with the school counselor or principal any questions you may have about the options and opportunities available to your child.
- Reviewing the requirements and options for graduation with your child in middle school and again while your child is enrolled in high school.
- Monitoring your child's academic progress and contacting teachers as needed. [See Academic Counseling]
- Attending scheduled conferences and requesting additional conferences as needed. The district will provide at least two opportunities for in-person conferences during each school year for each parent of a child enrolled in the district with the child's teachers. To schedule a telephone or in-person conference with a teacher, school counselor, or principal, please call the campus directly for an appointment. The teacher will usually return your call or meet with you during their conference period or before or after school. [See Report Cards/Progress Reports and Conferences (All Grade Levels)]
- Becoming a school volunteer. [See Volunteers (All Grade Levels) and policy GKG for more information.]
- Participating in campus parent organizations.

- Serving as a parent representative on the district-level or campus-level planning committees that develop educational goals and plans to improve student achievement. For more information, see policies BQA and BQB and contact the Communications department at 281-689-4358.
- Serving on the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) and assisting the district in aligning local community values with health education instruction, human sexuality instruction, instruction on prevention of child abuse, family violence, dating violence, and sex trafficking, and other wellness issues. [See School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) (All Grade Levels) and policies BDF, EHAA, FFA for more information.]
- Being aware of the school's ongoing bullying and harassment prevention efforts.
- Contacting school officials if you are concerned with your child's emotional or mental well-being.
- Attending board meetings to learn more about district operations. Regular board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the SISD Administration Building at 23419 FM 2090. An agenda for a regular or special meeting is posted no later than 3 business days before each meeting at the SISD Administration Building and online at www.splendoraisd.org. [See policies BE and BED for more information.]

Parking and Parking Permits (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

A student must present a valid driver's license and proof of insurance to be eligible for a parking permit.

Students must purchase a parking permit of \$50.00 to park in a school parking lot. So long as space is available, parking permits may be issued throughout the year.

Students will not be permitted to:

- Speed
- Double-park
- Park across a white or yellow line
- Park in a fire lane
- Sit in parked cars during school hours

Students may be subject to disciplinary action for violation of these rules. The district may tow cars that are parked in violation of these rules.

Pledges of Allegiance and a Minute of Silence (All Grade Levels)

Each school day, students will recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag. Parents may submit a written request to the principal to excuse their child from reciting a pledge. [See Reciting the Pledges to the U.S. and Texas Flags]

State law requires that one minute of silence follow recitation of the pledges. Each student may choose to reflect, pray, meditate, or engage in any other silent activity during that minute so long as the silent activity does not interfere with or distract others.

In addition, state law requires that each campus provide for the observance of one minute of silence in remembrance of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, at the beginning of the first class period when September 11 falls on a regular school day.

[See policy EC for more information.]

Prayer (All Grade Levels)

Each student has a right to pray individually, voluntarily, and silently or to meditate in school in a manner that does not disrupt school activities. The school will not require or coerce a student to engage in or refrain from such prayer or meditation during any school activity.

Private Spaces

In accordance with law, the district shall designate each multiple-occupancy private space in a building the district owns, operates, or controls for use only by individuals of one sex.

Multiple-occupancy private space means a facility designed or designated for simultaneous use by more than one individual and in which an individual may be in a state of undress in the presence of another individual, regardless of whether the facility provides curtains or partial walls for privacy. The term includes a restroom, locker room, changing room, or shower room.

Promotion and Retention

A student will be promoted only on the basis of academic achievement or proficiency. In making promotion decisions, the district will consider the following:

- Teacher recommendation
- Grades
- Scores on criterion-referenced or state-mandated assessments
- Any other necessary academic information as determined by the district

Elementary and Middle/Junior High Grade Levels

In determining promotion, a district shall consider:

- The recommendation of the student's teacher;
- The student's grade in each subject or course;
- The student's score on an assessment instrument administered under Education Code 39.023(a), (b), or (l), to the extent applicable; and
- Any other necessary academic information, as determined by the district. Education Code 28.021(a), (c)[See policy EIE <https://pol.tasb.org/Home/Index/913>]

For any student who does not pass the STAAR test in grade 3,4,5,6 or 8 in math or

reading:

- Students must be
 - Assigned a TIA-designated teacher in the applicable subject area: OR
 - Receive 15 or 30 hours, depending on student performance, of supplemental instruction in that subject area
- Development of an Accelerated Education Plan will take place if
 - The student was not successful on STAAR in the same subject for 2 or more consecutive years

Repeating Kindergarten-Grade 8 at Parent Request

A parent may request in writing that a student repeat kindergarten, or any grade in grade 1-8. Before granting the request, the district may convene a retention committee to meet and discuss the request and will invite the parent to participate.

High School Grade Levels

To earn credit in a course, a student must receive a grade of at least 70 based on course-level standards.

Repeating a High-School Credit Course

A parent may request in writing that a student repeat a high-school credit course in which the student was enrolled during the previous school year unless the district determines that the student has met all requirements for graduation.

Before granting the request, the district may convene a retention committee to meet and discuss the request and will invite the parent to participate.

Only the student's first passing grade will be included in the calculation of class ranking.

Release of Students from School

[See Leaving Campus (All Grade Levels)]

Remote Instruction

The district may offer remote instruction in accordance with TEA guidelines.

All district policies, procedures, guidelines, rules, and other expectations of student behavior will be enforced as applicable in a remote or virtual learning environment.

Report Cards/Progress Reports and Conferences (All Grade Levels)

Report cards with each student's performance and absences in each class or subject are issued at least once every 9 weeks.

At the end of the first three weeks of a grading period, parents will receive a progress report of their child's performance electronically through Skyward Family Access Portal, including if the student in any course/subject area is near or below 70 or is below the expected level of performance. If a student receives a grade lower than 70 in any class

or subject at the end of a grading period, the parent will be asked to schedule a conference with the teacher. [See Working Together for how to schedule a conference.]

Teachers follow grading guidelines that have been approved by the principal pursuant to the board-adopted policy. Grading guidelines are designed to reflect each student's relative mastery of each assignment. State law provides that a test or course grade issued by a teacher cannot be changed unless the board determines that the grade was arbitrary or contains an error, or that the teacher did not follow the district's grading policy. [See Grading Guidelines (All Grade Levels) and policy EIA(LOCAL) for more information.]

Questions about grade calculation should first be discussed with the teacher. If the question is not resolved, the student or parent may request a conference with the principal in accordance with FNG(LOCAL).

The report card or unsatisfactory progress report will state whether tutorials are required for a student who receives a grade lower than 70.

Retaliation

[See Dating Violence, Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (All Grade Levels)]

Required State Assessments

STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) for Grades 3-8

In addition to routine tests and other measures of achievement, students at certain grade levels are required to take the state assessment, called STAAR, in the following subjects:

- Mathematics, annually in grades 3-8
- Reading, annually in grades 3-8
- Science in grades 5 and 8
- Social Studies in grade 8

Standardized Testing for a Student Enrolled Above Grade Level

If a student in grades 3-8 is enrolled in a class or course intended for students above the current grade level in which the student will be administered a state-mandated assessment, the student will be required to take an applicable state-mandated assessment only for the course in which they are enrolled, unless otherwise required to do so by federal law.

A student in grades 3-8 shall be assessed at least once in high school with the ACT or the SAT if the student completes the high school end-of-course assessments in mathematics, reading/language arts, or science before high school.

High School Courses End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments

STAAR end-of-course (EOC) assessments are administered for the following courses:

- Algebra I
- English I and English II
- Biology
- U.S. History

Satisfactory performance on the applicable assessments is required for graduation, unless waived or substituted as allowed by state law and rules.

There are three testing windows during the year in which a student may take an EOC assessment. The windows occur in the summer, fall, and spring months. If a student does not meet satisfactory performance, the student will have opportunities to retake the assessment.

Requesting Administration of STAAR/EOC in Paper Format (All Grade Levels)

STAAR and EOC assessments are administered electronically.

A parent or teacher may request that a STAAR or EOC be administered to a student in paper format. The district may grant this request for any single administration for up to three percent of the number of students enrolled in the district. Requests will be granted in the order in which they are received.

Requests for paper format for a fall administration of a STAAR or EOC must be submitted no later than September 15 each school year.

Requests for paper format for a spring administration of a STAAR or EOC must be submitted no later than December 1 each school year.

Standardized Testing for a Student in Special Programs

Certain students — some with disabilities and some classified as emergent bilingual students — may be eligible for exemptions, accommodations, or deferred testing.

STAAR Alternate 2 is available for eligible students receiving special education services who meet certain state-established criteria as determined by the student's ARD committee.

An admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee for a student in grades 9-12 receiving special education services will determine whether successful performance on the EOC assessments will be required for graduation within the parameters identified in state rules and the student's personal graduation plan (PGP). [See Graduation (Secondary Grade Levels Only)]

STAAR Spanish is available for eligible students for whom a Spanish version of STAAR is the most appropriate measure of their academic progress.

For more information, see the principal, school counselor, or special education director.

Failure to Perform Satisfactorily on a STAAR or EOC Assessment

If a student does not perform satisfactorily on a required state assessment in any subject, the district will provide accelerated instruction for the student in the next school year through one of the following:

- Assigning the student to a teacher who is certified as a master, exemplary, or recognized teacher if one is available in the grade and subject matter of the state assessment on which the student did not perform satisfactorily
- Providing supplemental instruction

A student may be required to attend any assigned supplemental instruction program before or after school or during the summer.

When a student fails to perform satisfactorily on a required state assessment in the same subject area for two or more years, the district shall develop an accelerated education plan. Parents are encouraged to participate in developing this plan.

Residency

In order to ensure that Splendora ISD resources are being utilized for students who reside in SISD, all students in the following categories will be *required* to provide proof of residency, as established by SISD Board Policy FD.

- All new students to SISD
- Returning SISD students that will be incoming Kindergarten, 6th, 7th, and 9th graders
- Returning students with a change of address
- Any student enrolled with a lease agreement will be required to submit an updated lease annually with a start and end date, and the student must be listed on the lease agreement. The lease must be for a minimum of 6 months, and if it is for 6 months, an updated lease must be submitted at the end of that lease's term. All lease agreements must be notarized, and the entire lease must be submitted.

Texas Education Code §25.001(b) (2-9), identifies other circumstances under which a student may be enrolled. A student enrolled under the TEC §25.001(b) (2-9) provisions will require additional forms to be completed such as, but not limited to Shared Residency Affidavit or Power of Attorney. Any type of special circumstance may be discussed with a school administrator and/or designee (such as the registrar). Failure to produce the appropriate documents for admission and enrollment may result in an investigation by school officials to determine residency eligibility of the student and either parent. The investigation may include home-visits by a school official or School Resource Officer (SRO). The residency procedures outlined in this document do not apply to homeless students. In the event that SISD determines documentation was falsified and the student was not a resident of SISD, the student will be required to withdraw from SISD within 10 days. SISD may pursue legal action against a parent for

the amount the district has budgeted for each student as maintenance and operating expenses under TEC §25.001(h)(2) for the period the ineligible student was enrolled in a SISD school. If the district becomes aware that a homestead exemption has been filed for a property outside the district's attendance boundaries while the enrolling party claims residency within the district, the district may report this information to the appropriate appraisal district. Knowingly providing false information regarding residency for enrollment purposes may constitute a criminal offense under Penal Code 37.10 (Tampering with Governmental Records), which is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony. If you make a false statement on this form, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Section 37.10, Penal Code.

Safe Storage of Firearms

A firearm should be stored unloaded in a safe or locked container, with ammunition stored elsewhere.

It is unlawful to store, transport, or abandon an unsecured firearm in a place where children are likely to be and can obtain access to the firearm. Under the Penal Code, a person commits the offense of making a firearm accessible to a child if the child gains access to a readily dischargeable firearm, and the person with criminal negligence:

- Failed to secure the firearm; or
- Left the firearm in a place to which the person knew or should have known the child would gain access

The penalty for allowing a child access to a firearm can range from a Class C misdemeanor (punishable by a \$500 fine) to a Class A misdemeanor (punishable by a \$4000 fine, a year in jail, or a combination of the two).

Safety (All Grade Levels)

Student safety on campus, at school-related events, and in district vehicles is a high priority of the district. The cooperation of students is essential to ensuring school safety. A student is expected to:

- Avoid conduct that is likely to put the student or others at risk.
- Follow all behavioral standards in this handbook and the Student Code of Conduct or set by district employees.
- Help secure the campus by keeping all exterior doors closed, latched, and locked unless the door is actively monitored by a district employee.
- Follow instructions from teachers and other district employees regarding classroom doors.
- Remain alert to any safety hazards, such as intruders on campus or threats made by any person toward a student or staff member, and promptly report any incidents to a district employee. A student may make anonymous reports about safety concerns by submitting an online report at [Let's Talk - Splendor Independent School District](#).

- Know emergency evacuation routes and signals.
- Follow immediately the instructions of teachers, bus drivers, and other district employees who are overseeing the welfare of students.

Accident Insurance

Soon after the school year begins, parents will have the opportunity to purchase low-cost accident insurance that would help meet medical expenses in the event of injury to their child.

Insurance for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs

The district may purchase accident, liability, or automobile insurance coverage for students and businesses involved in the district's CTE programs.

Preparedness Drills: Evacuation, Severe Weather, and Other Emergencies

Periodically, the school will conduct preparedness drills of emergency procedures. When the command is given or alarm is sounded, students need to follow the direction of teachers or others in charge quickly, quietly, and in an orderly manner.

Preparedness Training: CPR and Stop the Bleed

The district will offer instruction in CPR and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) at least once to students enrolled in grades 7-12. The instruction can be provided as part of any course and is not required to result in CPR or AED certification.

The district will annually offer students in grades 7-12 instruction on the use of bleeding control stations to respond to traumatic injury. For more information, see [Stop the Bleed Texas \(https://stopthebleedtexas.org/\)](https://stopthebleedtexas.org/).

Emergency Medical Treatment and Information

All parents are asked each year to complete a medical care authorization form, providing written parental consent to obtain emergency treatment and information about allergies to medications or drugs. Parents should contact the school nurse to update emergency care information (name of doctor, emergency phone numbers, allergies, and the like).

The district may consent to medical treatment, including dental treatment, if necessary, for a student if all of the following requirements are met:

- The district has received written authorization from a person having the right to consent
- That person cannot be contacted
- That person has not given the district actual notice to the contrary

The emergency care authorization form will be used by the district when a student's parent or authorized designee cannot be contacted. A student may provide consent if authorized by law or court order.

Regardless of parental authorization for the district to consent to medical treatment, district employees will contact emergency medical services to provide emergency care when required by law or when deemed necessary, such as to avoid a life-threatening situation.

Emergency School Closing Information

Each year, parents are asked to complete an emergency release form to provide contact information if the district needs to notify parents of early dismissal, delayed opening, or restricted access to a campus because of severe weather, a security threat, or another emergency cause.

The district will rely on contact information on file with the district to communicate with parents in an emergency situation, which may include real-time or automated messages. It is crucial to notify your child's school when a phone number changes. State law requires parents to update contact information within two weeks after the date the information changes.

If the campus must close, delay opening, or restrict access to the building because of an emergency, the district will also alert the community in the following ways:

- ParentSquare/Parent Notification System
- Social Media
- District website www.splendoraisd.org
- Local News Stations

[See Parent Contact Information and Automated Emergency Communications]

SAT, ACT, and Other Standardized Tests

[See Standardized Testing]

Schedule Changes (Middle/Junior High and High School Grade Levels)

Students who wish to request a change to their class schedule must follow the appropriate procedures outlined by their campus. All schedule change requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to approval based on course availability, graduation requirements, and campus guidelines. There are specific deadlines for requesting schedule changes. Students and parents are responsible for checking these deadlines with their campus principal or the campus counseling department. Requests submitted after the deadline may not be considered.

School Facilities

Asbestos Management Plan (All Grade Levels)

The district works diligently to maintain compliance with federal and state law governing asbestos in school buildings. A copy of the district's asbestos management plan is available in the central administrative office. If you have any questions or would like to

examine the district's plan in more detail, please contact the district's designated asbestos coordinator:

Eric Reimer
Maintenance Director
26267 FM 2090
Splendora TX 77372
ereimer@splendoraisd.org
281-689-4446

Food and Nutrition Services (All Grade Levels)

The district participates in the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program and offers students nutritionally balanced meals daily in accordance with standards set forth in state and federal law.

Some students are eligible for free and reduced-price meals based on financial need. Information about a student's participation is confidential. The district may share information such as a student's name and eligibility status to help enroll eligible children in Medicaid or the state children's health insurance program (CHIP) unless the student's parent requests the student's information not be disclosed.

Participating students will be offered the same meal options as their peers and will not be treated differently from their peers.

To apply for free or reduced-price meal services, contact:

Charles Rawls
Child Nutrition Director
26267 FM 2090
Splendora, TX 77372
crawls@splendoraisd.org
281-689-4451

[See policy COB for more information.]

Parents should continually monitor their child's meal account balance. When a student's meal account is exhausted or insufficient, the district will notify the parent. The student may continue to purchase meals according to the grace period set by the school board. The district will present the parent with a schedule of repayment for any outstanding account balance and an application for free or reduced meals. [See policy CO for more information.]

If the district is unable to work out an agreement with the student's parent on replenishment of the meal account and payment of any outstanding balance, the student will receive a meal. The district will make every effort to avoid bringing attention to the student.

The following information is published as required by the USDA for participation in the National School Lunch Program:

“In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

“Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA’s TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

“To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant’s name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. mail:

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

2. fax:

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

3. email:

Program.Intake@usda.gov

“This institution is an equal opportunity provider.”

The responsible state agency that administers the program is the [Texas Department of Agriculture](https://www.texasagriculture.gov/Home/Contact-Us) (<https://www.texasagriculture.gov/Home/Contact-Us>), which can be reached at (800) TELL-TDA (835-5832) or (800) 735-2989 (TTY).

The local agency that administers the program is the district. [See Nondiscrimination Statement (All Grade Levels) for the name and contact information for the Title IX coordinator, ADA/Section 504 coordinator, and superintendent for other concerns about discrimination.]

[See policy COB for more information.]

Vending Machines (All Grade Levels)

The district has adopted and implemented the state and federal policies for food service, including guidelines to restrict student access to vending machines. For more information about these policies and guidelines, see the campus principal. [See policy FFA for more information.]

Food, beverages, and personal water bottles are permitted at the discretion of the campus administration. Contact the campus principal with any questions regarding campus-specific expectations.

Pest Management Plan (All Grade Levels)

The district is required to follow integrated pest management (IPM) procedures to control pests on school grounds. Although the district strives to use the safest and most effective methods to manage pests, including a variety of non-chemical control measures, periodic indoor and outdoor pesticide use is sometimes necessary to ensure a safe, pest-free school environment.

All pesticides used are registered for their intended use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and are applied only by certified pesticide applicators. Except in an emergency, signs will be posted 48 hours before indoor application. All outdoor applications will be posted at the time of treatment, and signs will remain until it is safe to enter the area.

Parents who have questions or who want to be notified of the times and types of applications prior to pesticide application inside their child's school assignment area may contact the district's IPM coordinator:

Eric Reimer
Maintenance Director
26267 FM 2090
Splendora TX 77372
ereimer@splendoraisd.org
281-689-4446

Conduct Before and After School (All Grade Levels)

Teachers and administrators have full authority over student conduct at before- or after-school activities. Whether a school activity is on or off district premises, students must follow the same rules of conduct that apply during the instructional day. Misbehavior will be subject to consequences established by the Student Code of Conduct or any stricter standards of behavior established by the sponsor for extracurricular participants.

Library (All Grade Levels)

The library is open to students for independent use during designated times. For specific hours, please contact your child's campus.

The district provides a wide range of library materials for students and faculty that support student achievement and present varying levels of difficulty, diversity of appeal, and a variety of points of view. The district follows the Texas State Library and Archive Commission's standards for school library collection development.

Parents are the primary decision makers regarding their student's access to library material. The district encourages parental involvement in library acquisition, maintenance, and campus activities. Parents are encouraged to communicate with the campus media specialist and their child's teacher about special considerations regarding library materials self-selected by their student. A parent may submit to the district a list of library materials that their child may not be allowed to check out or otherwise access for use outside of the school library by submitting the list to the campus. Any parent, district employee, or resident of the district may submit a formal request to challenge the inclusion of a library item by completing the Library Material Review Request form, available on the district website under Library Services. The district will provide to parents a record of each time the parent's child checks out a library material that includes the title, author, genre, and return date of the library material through the Destiny Discover system. A parent may access the school's library or any available online catalog through the Destiny Discover system. For questions or concerns regarding campus library materials or services, parents may contact the campus principal or the district librarian. The district welcomes student and parent feedback on library materials and services. Parents may contact District Librarian Heather Conklin, hconklin@splendoraisd.org, 281-689-8113 with questions or comments about their child's campus library. A district employee, parent, or person residing in the district may submit a written challenge to the inclusion of any library material in the catalog of the school library by submitting the form available on the district's website.

Use of Hallways during Class Time (All Grade Levels)

During class times, loitering or standing in the halls is not permitted, and a student must have a hall pass to be outside the classroom for any purpose. Failure to obtain a pass will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Use by Students Before and After School (All Grade Levels)

Certain areas of the school will be accessible to students before and after school for specific purposes. Students are required to remain in the area where their activity is scheduled to take place.

Unless the teacher or sponsor overseeing an activity gives permission, a student will not be permitted to go to another area of the building or campus.

Students must leave campus immediately after dismissal of school in the afternoon, unless the student is involved in an activity under the supervision of a teacher or other authorized employee or adult.

Meetings of Noncurriculum-Related Groups (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

Student-organized, student-led noncurriculum-related groups are permitted to meet during the hours designated by the principal before and after school. These groups must comply with the requirements of policy FNAB(LOCAL). A list of these groups is available in the principal's office.

Parental consent is required before a student may participate in a student club that is authorized or sponsored by the district. [See Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, and Organizations (All Grade Levels)]

School-Sponsored Field Trips (All Grade Levels)

The district periodically takes students on field trips for educational purposes.

A parent must provide permission for a student to participate in a field trip.

The district may ask the parent to provide information about a student's medical provider and insurance coverage and may also ask the parent to sign a waiver allowing for emergency medical treatment in the case of a student accident or illness during the field trip.

The district may require a fee for student participation in a field trip that is not required as part of a basic educational program or course to cover expenses such as transportation, admission, and meals; however, a student will not be denied participation because of financial need. [See Fees (All Grade Levels) for more information.]

The district is not responsible for refunding fees paid directly to a third-party vendor.

Searches and Investigations

Searches in General (All Grade Levels)

In the interest of promoting student safety and drug-free schools, district officials may occasionally conduct searches and investigations.

District officials may conduct investigations in accordance with law and district policy and may question students regarding a student's own conduct or the conduct of others. [For questioning of students by law enforcement officials, see Law Enforcement Agencies (All Grade Levels).]

District officials may search students, their belongings, and their vehicles in accordance with law and district policy. Searches of students will be conducted without discrimination, based on, for example, reasonable suspicion or voluntary consent or pursuant to district policy providing for suspicionless security procedures, including the use of metal detectors.

In accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, students are responsible for prohibited items found in their possession, including items in their personal belongings or in vehicles parked on district property.

If there is reasonable suspicion to believe that searching a student's person, belongings, or vehicle will reveal evidence of a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, a district official may conduct a search in accordance with law and district regulations.

District Property (All Grade Levels)

Desks, lockers, district-provided technology, and similar items are the property of the district and are provided for student use as a matter of convenience. District property is subject to search or inspection at any time without notice. Students have no expectation of privacy in district property.

Students are responsible for any item found in district property provided to the student that is prohibited by law, district policy, or the Student Code of Conduct.

Metal Detectors (All Grade Levels)

To maintain a safe and disciplined learning environment, the district reserves the right to subject students to metal detector searches when entering a district campus and at off-campus, school-sponsored activities.

Personal Communications and Other Electronic Devices (All Grade Levels)

Use of district-owned equipment and its network systems is not private and will be monitored by the district. [See policy CQ for more information.]

Any searches of personal electronic devices will be conducted in accordance with law, and the device may be confiscated to perform a lawful search. A confiscated device may be turned over to law enforcement to determine whether a crime has been committed.

[See Electronic Devices and Technology Resources (All Grade Levels) and policy FNF(LEGAL) for more information.]

Trained Dogs (All Grade Levels)

The district may use trained dogs to screen for concealed, prohibited items, including drugs and alcohol. Screenings conducted by trained dogs will not be announced in advance. The dogs will not be used with students, but students may be asked to leave personal belongings in an area that is going to be screened, such as a classroom, a locker, or a vehicle. If a dog alerts to an item or an area, it may be searched by district officials.

Drug Testing (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

The District requires the random drug-testing of any student in grades 7-12 who chooses to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activities, request a permit to park a vehicle on school property, or enroll in a drivers' education course offered through the District (See FNF (LOCAL)).

[See Steroids (Secondary Grade Levels Only)]

Vehicles on Campus (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

If a vehicle subject to search is locked, the student will be asked to unlock the vehicle. If the student refuses, the district will contact the student's parents. If the parents also refuse to permit the vehicle to be searched, the district may turn the matter over to law enforcement. The district may contact law enforcement even if permission to search is granted.

Sexual Harassment

[See Dating Violence, Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (All Grade Levels)]

Special Programs (All Grade Levels)

The district provides special programs for gifted and talented students, students who are homeless, migrant students, students in foster care, bilingual students, emergent bilingual students, students diagnosed with dyslexia, and students with disabilities. The coordinator of each program can answer questions about eligibility requirements, as well as programs and services offered in the district or by other organizations. A student or parent with questions about these programs should contact the campus principal.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission's [Talking Book Program](https://www.tsl.texas.gov/tbp) (<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/tbp>) provides audiobooks free of charge to qualifying Texans, including students with visual, physical, or reading disabilities such as dyslexia.

Standardized Testing

SAT/ACT (Scholastic Aptitude Test and American College Test)

Many colleges require either the American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) for admission. These assessments are usually taken at the end of the junior year. Students are encouraged to talk with the school counselor early during their junior year to learn about these assessments and determine the appropriate examination to take. The Preliminary SAT (PSAT) and Pre-ACT are the corresponding preparatory and readiness assessments for the SAT and ACT.

Note: These assessments may qualify a student to receive a performance acknowledgment on the student's transcript under the foundation graduation program and may qualify as a substitute for an end-of-course testing requirement in certain circumstances. A student's performance at a certain level on the SAT or ACT also makes the student eligible for automatic admission to a Texas public institution of higher education.

TSI (Texas Success Initiative) Assessment

Prior to enrollment in a Texas public college or university, most students must take a standardized test called the Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA2). The TSIA2 assesses the reading, mathematics, and writing skills that first-year students need to perform effectively as undergraduates in Texas public colleges and universities. This assessment may also be required before a student enrolls in a dual credit course

offered through the district. Achieving certain benchmark scores on this assessment may also waive certain end-of-course assessment requirements in limited circumstances.

Student Speakers (All Grade Levels)

The district provides students the opportunity to introduce the following school events: home high school football games and/or STAAR/EOC Pep Rallies. If a student meets the eligibility criteria and wishes to introduce one of the school events listed above, the student should submit their name in accordance with policy FNA(LOCAL).

[See Graduation (Secondary Grade Levels Only) for information related to student speakers at graduation ceremonies and policy FNA(LOCAL) regarding other speaking opportunities.]

Summer School (All Grade Levels)

SISD offers a summer school program as an extended year program to meet accelerated instruction requirements or remediation.

Tardies (All Grade Levels)

A student who is tardy to class may be assigned to detention hall or given another appropriate consequence. Campus administration will use discretion on a case-by-case basis for the need to excuse tardiness and assign consequences.

Textbooks, Electronic Textbooks, Technological Equipment, and Other Instructional Materials (All Grade Levels)

Instructional materials are any resources used in classroom instruction as part of the required curriculum, such as textbooks, workbooks, computer software, or online services.

The district selects instructional materials in accordance with state law and policy EFA.

The district provides approved instructional materials to students free of charge for each subject or class. Students must treat instructional materials with care, as directed by the teacher.

If a student needs a graphing calculator for a course and the district does not provide one, the student may use a calculator application with graphing capabilities on a phone, laptop, tablet, or other computing device.

A student who is issued a damaged item should report the damage to the teacher.

Any student who does not return an item or returns an item in an unacceptable condition loses the right to free textbooks and technological equipment until the item is returned or the damage is paid for by the parent. However, the student will be provided the necessary instructional resources and equipment for use at school during the school day.

For information on library books and other resources students may access voluntarily, see Library (All Grade Levels).

Transfers (All Grade Levels)

The principal is authorized to transfer a student from one classroom to another.

The superintendent is authorized to investigate and approve transfers between schools.

The District has the right to revoke the transfer of a student who fails to maintain an acceptable level of attendance or compliance with the Student Code of Conduct/Student Handbook. Reasons a transfer may be revoked include, but are not limited to:

- truancy
- discipline issues
- excessive tardiness
- late/early pickups
- unexcused absences
- falsification of enrollment or application information
- removal from a program for which the transfer was approved

A transfer student shall be notified in the transfer agreement that he or she must follow all rules and regulations of the District. Violation of the terms of the transfer agreement may result in a transfer request being revoked. Each transfer option offered by the district requires annual approval and will be reviewed and considered on a year-by-year basis. Transportation services are not provided for students attending the district on a transfer.

[See Safety Transfers/Assignments, Bullying (All Grade Levels), and A Student with Physical or Mental Impairments Protected under Section 504, for other transfer options.]

Transportation (All Grade Levels)

School-Sponsored Trips

Students who participate in school-sponsored trips are required to use school-provided transportation to and from the event. However, in accordance with campus procedures, a parent may provide written consent for their child to ride with or be released after the event to the parent or another adult designated by the parent. [See School-Sponsored Field Trips (All Grade Levels)]

Buses and Other School Vehicles

The district makes school bus transportation available to all students living two or more miles from school and to any eligible students who are experiencing homelessness. This service is provided at no cost to students. Families living within the boundary or their assigned residential neighborhood are responsible for arranging transportation.

Bus routes and stops will be designated annually. Any changes will be posted at the school and on the district's website. For the safety of the driver and all passengers,

students must board district vehicles only at authorized stops and drivers must unload passengers only at authorized stops.

A parent may designate a child-care facility or grandparent's residence as the regular pickup and drop-off location for their child. The designated location must be an approved stop on an approved route. For information on bus routes and stops or to designate an alternate pickup or drop-off location, contact Transportation Services at 281-689-4322.

Students are expected to assist district staff in ensuring that buses and other district vehicles are clean and safe. When riding in district vehicles, students are held to behavioral standards established in this handbook and the Student Code of Conduct. Students must:

- Follow all directions given by the school bus driver or other authorized school personnel promptly and respectfully.
- Observe the same standards of behavior required in the classroom and comply with all District rules while riding the bus or waiting at the bus stop.
- Cooperate with the bus driver and identify yourself by providing your name and student ID number when requested.
- Arrive at your designated bus stop at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled pickup time and be ready to board. Students must ride only their assigned bus and enter and exit only at their assigned stop unless prior approval has been granted by the District.
- Board and exit the bus in an orderly manner. Never run after a bus once it has begun moving.
- Remain properly seated in your assigned seat or designated area while the bus is in motion. If equipped, students are required to wear the three-point seat belt at all times while the bus is moving.
- Wait for the driver's signal before crossing in front of the bus after exiting.
- Keep aisles, emergency exits, rear decks, and evacuation routes clear at all times. Feet, legs, backpacks, books, instrument cases, and other personal belongings must not obstruct walkways or exits.
- Keep all parts of your body and all objects inside the bus at all times. Do not throw, extend, or hold any object inside or outside the bus windows.
- Open bus windows only with the driver's permission.
- Use respectful and appropriate language. Profanity, abusive, threatening, derogatory, or inappropriate language or gestures are prohibited.
- Conduct yourself in a safe, respectful, and courteous manner toward the driver, other students, and school property at all times.

- Eating and drinking are prohibited on the bus. Students are expected to help keep the bus clean by disposing of trash properly and respecting District property.
- Do not tamper with or use emergency doors, windows, exits, controls, safety equipment, or the driver's area except during an actual emergency or when directed by the driver.
- In the event of an emergency, follow the driver's instructions immediately and evacuate the bus in an orderly manner when directed.
- Electronic devices may be used only in accordance with the District's Responsible Use Guidelines. Headphones are required when audio is played, and device use must not distract the driver or interfere with the safe operation of the bus.
- Students may bring only items that can be safely transported and stored without blocking aisles or exits. Hazardous or prohibited items—including, but not limited to, firearms, weapons, flammable materials, aerosol containers, sharp objects, breakable containers, animals (except ADA service animals), cologne/perfume, or any item that could endanger passengers or interfere with safe operation of the bus—are not permitted. Large or bulky items require prior approval from the bus driver.
- Students are responsible for any intentional or negligent damage to a school bus or its equipment. Parents or guardians may be required to reimburse Splendora ISD for the actual cost of repairs. Bus riding privileges may be suspended until restitution has been made.
- Students must comply with any additional safety instructions or reasonable rules established by the bus driver or the District that are necessary for the safe and orderly operation of school transportation.

Bus Referral Matrix (Restitution for damages may be required for any applicable offense.)

Infraction	# of Offense	Discipline	Notes/Comments
Minor Infractions (not staying in seat, talking loudly, profanity, seat belt, etc)	1st offense	Warning with documentation	Student signs a documentation sheet stating they received a warning, if they refuse to sign it is a referral to the campus.
	2nd offense	Warning and Parent phone call (documented)	Parent phone call is documented on the documentation sheet.

	3rd offense	Warning Parent phone call (documented)	Documentation of the parent contact will be provided to the campus in the form of an email from an authorized Transportation Department administrator. The email should be attached to the bus driver's first campus discipline referral.
Major infractions (interferes with the safety of the student, other students or the operation of the bus)	1st offense	Referral to campus	Campus handles as they see fit; notify transportation and parent. Can result in after school detention, lunch detention, etc.
	2nd offense	Discipline handled as if occurred at school	In school suspension, Parent meeting, etc.
	3rd offense	Removal from bus (3 days)	When removing a student from the bus, notify transportation and parent.
	4 + offense	Removal from bus (5 days, 10 days, 30 days, rest of semester)	When removing a student from the bus, notify transportation and parent.

Misconduct will be punished in accordance with the Bus Referral Matrix and the Student Code of Conduct, including loss of the privilege to ride in a district vehicle.

Removal From the Bus

The District's primary responsibility in transporting students in District vehicles is to do so as safely as possible, the operator of the vehicle must focus on driving and not have his or her attention distracted by student misbehavior. Therefore, when appropriate disciplinary management techniques fail to improve student behavior or when specific misconduct warrants immediate removal, the principal, campus behavior coordinator or transportation behavior coordinators (or designee) may restrict or revoke a student's transportation privileges, in accordance with law.

District policy requires a responsible person (parent/guardian or designee) be present at the bus stop to receive their Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, First grade and Second grade students. Should no one be present at the bus stop, the student will be returned to the transportation 26271 FM 2090, 281-689-4322, where it will be the parent's responsibility to pick them up. The parent does have the option to request in writing for the student to exit the bus without a parent or guardian on site.

[See the Student Code of Conduct for provisions regarding transportation to the DAEP.]

Walking to School and Crosswalk Safety

Splendora ISD is committed to providing safe routes to and from school for all students.

Students who reside within two (2) miles of their neighborhood campus are not provided school bus transportation unless the area has been determined hazardous or the student qualifies for Special Needs Transportation in accordance with district policy.

To support student safety, the following expectations apply to all students who walk or ride to school:

- Crossing supervision begins 15 minutes before the campus opens its doors to students. Students should not arrive to cross before that time.
- Crossing guards must remain on duty until all students have cleared the area or for up to 20 minutes after school dismissal, whichever comes first.
- Students must cross only at designated intersections where a crossing guard is present. Students may not cross before reaching the intersection or without adult supervision.
- Students must follow all directions provided by the crossing guard and demonstrate safe practices while crossing intersections.
- Bicycles and scooters must be walked—not ridden—through crosswalks and intersections.
- Running, horseplay, and the use of cell phones or other electronic devices while walking or crossing the street are prohibited.

These procedures are in place to promote safe travel to and from school and to ensure compliance with district safety standards.

Vandalism (All Grade Levels)

Littering, defacing, or damaging school property is not tolerated. Students will be required to pay for damages they cause and will be subject to criminal proceedings as well as disciplinary consequences in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Video Cameras (All Grade Levels)

For safety purposes, the district uses video and audio recording equipment to monitor student behavior, including on buses and in common areas on campus. Students will not be told when the equipment is being used.

The principal will review the video and audio recordings as needed and document student misconduct. Discipline will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

In accordance with state law, a parent of a student who receives special education services, a staff member (as this term is defined by law), a principal or assistant principal, or the board may make a written request for the district to place video and audio recording equipment in certain special education classrooms. The district will provide notice before placing a video camera in a classroom or other setting in which a child receives special education services. For more information or to request the installation and operation of this equipment, contact the principal or the Executive Director of Special Services to coordinate the implementation of and compliance with this law.

[See policy EHBAF(LOCAL) for more information.]

[See Consent to Video or Audio Record a Student When Not Already Permitted by Law for video and other recording by parents or visitors to virtual or in-person classrooms.]

Visitors to the School (All Grade Levels)

General Visitors

Parents and others are welcome to visit district schools. For the safety of those within the school and to avoid disruption of instructional time, all visitors must:

- Request entry to the school at the primary entrance unless otherwise directed by a district employee
- Report to the main office
- Be prepared to show identification
- Exit the school at the primary entrance and leave all exterior doors closed, latched, and locked unless actively monitored by a district employee
- Comply with all applicable district policies and procedures

If requested by a district employee, a visitor must provide identification such as a driver's license, other picture identification issued by a government entity, or employee or student identification issued by the district. A person who refuses to provide identification and who reasonably appears to have no legitimate reason to be on district property may be ejected from district property.

Individuals may visit classrooms or observe virtual instruction during instructional time only with approval of the principal and teacher. Visitors may not interfere with instruction or disrupt the normal school environment.

All visitors are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of courtesy and conduct. Disruptive behavior or violations of student privacy will not be permitted.

[See Consent to Video or Audio Record a Student When Not Already Permitted by Law for video and other recording by parents or visitors to virtual or in-person classrooms.]

Unauthorized Persons

In accordance with Education Code 37.105, a school administrator, school resource officer (SRO), or district police officer has the authority to refuse entry to or eject a person from district property if the person refuses to leave peaceably on request and either of the following applies:

- The person poses a substantial risk of harm to any person
- The person behaves in a manner that is inappropriate for a school setting and persists in the behavior after being given a verbal warning that the behavior is inappropriate and may result in refusal of entry or ejection

A verbal warning and persistent inappropriate behavior are not required for a person serving as a referee, judge, or other official of an extracurricular athletic activity or competition sponsored or sanctioned by the school district or UIL to eject a spectator.

Appeals regarding refusal of entry or ejection from district property may be filed in accordance with policies FNG(LOCAL) or GF(LOCAL).

[See the Student Code of Conduct]

Visitors Participating in Special Programs for Students

Business, Civic, and Youth Groups

The district may invite representatives from patriotic societies listed in Title 36 of the United States Code to present information to interested students about membership in the society.

Career Day

On Career and College Fair Days, the district invites representatives from colleges and universities and other higher education institutions, prospective employers, and military recruiters to present information to interested students.

Volunteers (All Grade Levels)

The district invites and appreciates the efforts of volunteers who are willing to serve our district and students. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lisa Foster, lfoster@splendoraisd.org, 281-689-4358 for more information and to complete an application.

Subject to exceptions in accordance with state law and district procedures, the district requires a state criminal history background check for each volunteer, including parents, guardians, or grandparents of a child enrolled in the district. The volunteer must pay all costs for the background check.

Voter Registration (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

A student who is eligible to vote in any local, state, or federal election may obtain a voter registration application at the main campus office.

Withdrawing from School (All Grade Levels)

To withdraw a student under age 18 from school, the parent or guardian must submit a written request to the principal specifying the reasons for withdrawal and the final day the student will be in attendance. Withdrawal forms are available from the principal's office.

A student who is age 18 or older, who is married, or who has been declared by a court to be an emancipated minor may withdraw without parental signature.

Please provide the school at least three days' notice of withdrawal so that records and documents may be prepared.

Glossary

Accelerated instruction, including supplemental instruction, is an intensive educational program designed to help an individual student acquire the knowledge and skills required at their grade level. It is required when a student does not meet the passing standard on a state-mandated assessment. Accelerated instruction may be provided by assigning a student to a classroom teacher who is certified as a master, exemplary, or recognized teacher or by providing supplemental instruction in addition to regular instruction.

ACT, or the American College Test, is one of the two most frequently used college or university admissions examinations. The test may be required for admission to certain colleges or universities.

ACT-Aspire is designed as a preparatory and readiness assessment for the ACT. This is usually taken by students in grade 10.

ARD stands for admission, review, and dismissal. The ARD committee convenes for each student who is identified as needing a full and individual evaluation for special education services. The eligible student and their parents are members of the committee.

Attendance review committee is responsible for reviewing a student's absences when the student's attendance drops below 90 percent, or in some cases 75 percent, of the days the class is offered. Under guidelines adopted by the board, the committee will determine whether there were extenuating circumstances for the absences and whether the student needs to complete certain conditions to master the course and regain credit or a final grade lost because of absences.

CPS stands for Child Protective Services.

DAEP stands for disciplinary alternative education program, a placement for students who have violated certain provisions of the Student Code of Conduct.

DFPS stands for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

DPS stands for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

DSHS stands for the Texas Department of State Health Services.

ED stands for the U.S. Department of Education.

Emergent bilingual student refers to a student who is in the process of acquiring English and has another language as the student's primary language or home language and is synonymous with English Learner.

EOC (end-of-course) assessments are state-mandated and are part of the STAAR program. Successful performance on EOC assessments is required for graduation. These examinations will be given in English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, and U.S. History.

ESSA is the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

FERPA refers to the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, which grants specific privacy protections to student records. The law contains certain exceptions, such as for directory information, unless a student's parent or a student 18 years of age or older directs the school not to release directory information.

IEP stands for individualized education program and is the written record prepared by the ARD committee for a student with disabilities who is eligible for special education services.

IGC is the individual graduation committee, formed in accordance with state law, to determine a student's eligibility to graduate when the student has failed to demonstrate satisfactory performance on no more than two of the required state assessments.

ISS refers to in-school suspension, a disciplinary technique for misconduct found in the Student Code of Conduct. Although different from out-of-school suspension and placement in a DAEP, ISS removes the student from the regular classroom.

PGP stands for personal graduation plan, which is required for high school students.

PSAT is the preparatory and readiness assessment for the SAT. It also serves as the basis for the awarding of National Merit Scholarships.

Safe and Supportive School Team is a team established at each campus that is responsible for conducting a threat assessment regarding individuals who make threats of violence or exhibit harmful, threatening, or violent behavior and determining appropriate intervention, and providing guidance to students and school employees on recognizing harmful, threatening, or violent behavior that may pose a threat to the community, school, or individual.

SAT refers to the Scholastic Aptitude Test, one of the two most frequently used college or university admissions examinations. The test may be required for admissions to certain colleges or universities.

SHAC stands for School Health Advisory Council, a group of at least five members, a majority of whom must be parents, appointed by the school board to help ensure that local community values and health issues are reflected in the district's health education instruction, as well as assist with other student and employee wellness issues.

Section 504 is the federal law that prohibits discrimination against a student with a disability, requiring schools to provide opportunities for equal services, programs, and participation in activities. Unless the student is determined to be eligible for special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), general education with appropriate instructional accommodations will be provided.

STAAR is the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, the state's system of standardized academic achievement assessments.

STAAR Alternate 2 is an alternative state-mandated assessment designed for students with severe cognitive disabilities receiving special education services who meet the participation requirements, as determined by the student's ARD committee.

STAAR Spanish is an alternative state-mandated assessment administered to eligible students for whom a Spanish version of STAAR is the most appropriate measure of their academic progress.

State-mandated assessments are required of students at certain grade levels and in specified subjects. Except under limited circumstances, students must pass the STAAR EOC assessments to graduate. Students have multiple opportunities to take the tests, if necessary, for graduation.

Student Code of Conduct is developed with the advice of the district-level committee and adopted by the board and identifies the circumstances, consistent with law, when a student may be removed from a classroom, campus, or district vehicle; sets out the conditions that authorize or require the principal or another administrator to place the student in a DAEP; and outlines conditions for out-of-school suspension and for expulsion. The Student Code of Conduct also addresses notice to the parent regarding a student's violation of one of its provisions.

TAC stands for the Texas Administrative Code.

TEA stands for the Texas Education Agency, which oversees primary and secondary public education in Texas.

TELPAS stands for the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System, which assesses the progress that emergent bilingual students make in learning the English language and is administered for those who meet the participation requirements in kindergarten-grade 12.

TSIA2 stands for the Texas Success Initiative Assessment 2, an assessment designed to measure the reading, mathematics, and writing skills that entering college-level freshmen students should have if they are to be successful in undergraduate programs in Texas public colleges and universities.

UIL refers to the University Interscholastic League, the statewide, voluntary nonprofit organization that oversees educational extracurricular academic, athletic, and music contests.

Appendix: Freedom from Bullying Policy

Note to Student Handbook developer: State law requires that the district's policy on bullying be distributed in its Student Handbook(s).

On April 6, 2023, TEA publicized minimum standards for bullying prevention policies and procedures in accordance with state law. Districts should update the appendix to the student handbook containing FFI(LOCAL) as soon as the board adopts revisions to the policy.

The following has been formatted for the district to more easily insert its FFI(LOCAL) policy here rather than in the body of the handbook.

Note: School board policies may be revised at any time. For legal context and the most current copy of the local policy, visit [School Board Policy FFI](#). Below is the text of Splendora Independent School District's policy FFI(LOCAL) as of the date this handbook was finalized for this school year.

Student Welfare: Freedom from Bullying

Policy FFI(LOCAL) adopted on 06/19/2023

Note: This policy addresses bullying of District students. For purposes of this policy, the term bullying includes cyberbullying. For provisions regarding discrimination and harassment involving District students, see FFH. Note that FFI shall be used in conjunction with FFH for certain prohibited conduct. For reporting requirements related to child abuse and neglect, see FFG.

Bullying Prohibited: The District prohibits bullying, including cyberbullying, as defined by state law. Retaliation against anyone involved in the complaint process is a violation of District policy and is prohibited.

Minimum Standards: In accordance with law, the Superintendent shall develop administrative procedures to ensure that minimum standards for bullying prevention are implemented.

Retaliation: The District prohibits retaliation by a student or District employee against any person who in good faith makes a report of bullying, serves as a witness, or participates in an investigation.

False Claim: A student who intentionally makes a false claim, offers false statements, or refuses to cooperate with a District investigation regarding bullying shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Timely Reporting: Reports of bullying shall be made as soon as possible after the alleged act or knowledge of the alleged act. A failure to immediately report may impair the District's ability to investigate and address the prohibited conduct.

Reporting Procedures

Student Report

To obtain assistance and intervention, any student who believes that he or she has experienced bullying or believes that another student has experienced bullying should immediately report the alleged acts to a teacher, school counselor, principal, or other District employee. The Superintendent shall develop procedures allowing a student to anonymously report an alleged incident of bullying.

Employee Report

Any District employee who suspects or receives notice that a student or group of students has or may have experienced bullying shall immediately notify the principal or designee.

Report Format

A report may be made orally or in writing. The principal or designee shall reduce any oral reports to written form.

Periodic Monitoring

The Superintendent shall periodically monitor the reported counts of bullying incidents, and that declines in the count may represent not only improvements in the campus culture because bullying declines but also declines in the campus culture because of a decline in openness to report incidents.

Notice of Report

When an allegation of bullying is reported, the principal or designee shall notify a parent of the alleged victim on or before the third business day after the incident is reported. The principal or designee shall also notify a parent of the student alleged to have engaged in the conduct within a reasonable amount of time after the incident is reported.

Prohibited Conduct

The principal or designee shall determine whether the allegations in the report, if proven, would constitute prohibited conduct as defined by policy FFH, including dating violence and harassment or discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, or disability. If so, the District shall proceed under policy FFH. If

the allegations could constitute both prohibited conduct and bullying, the investigation under FFH shall include a determination on each type of conduct.

Investigation of Report

The principal or designee shall conduct an appropriate investigation based on the allegations in the report. The principal or designee shall promptly take interim action calculated to prevent bullying during the course of an investigation, if appropriate.

Concluding the Investigation

Absent extenuating circumstances, the investigation should be completed within ten District business days from the date of the initial report alleging bullying; however, the principal or designee shall take additional time if necessary to complete a thorough investigation.

The principal or designee shall prepare a final, written report of the investigation. The report shall include a determination of whether bullying occurred, and if so, whether the victim used reasonable self-defense. A copy of the report shall be sent to the Superintendent or designee.

Notice to Parents

If an incident of bullying is confirmed, the principal or designee shall promptly notify the parents of the victim and of the student who engaged in bullying.

District Action

Bullying

If the results of an investigation indicate that bullying occurred, the District shall promptly respond by taking appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with the District's Student Code of Conduct and may take corrective action reasonably calculated to address the conduct. The District may notify law enforcement in certain circumstances.

Discipline

A student who is a victim of bullying and who used reasonable self-defense in response to the bullying shall not be subject to disciplinary action.

The discipline of a student with a disability is subject to applicable state and federal law in addition to the Student Code of Conduct.

Transfers

The principal or designee shall refer to FDB for transfer provisions.

Counseling

The principal or designee shall notify the victim, the student who engaged in bullying, and any students who witnessed the bullying of available counseling options.

Improper Conduct

If the investigation reveals improper conduct that did not rise to the level of prohibited conduct or bullying, the District may take action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct or any other appropriate corrective action.

Confidentiality

To the greatest extent possible, the District shall respect the privacy of the complainant, persons against whom a report is filed, and witnesses. Limited disclosures may be necessary in order to conduct a thorough investigation.

Appeal

A student who is dissatisfied with the outcome of the investigation may appeal through FNG(LOCAL), beginning at the appropriate level.

Records Retention

Retention of records shall be in accordance with CPC(LOCAL).

Access to Policy and Procedures

This policy and any accompanying procedures shall be distributed annually in the employee and student handbooks. Copies of the policy and procedures shall be posted on the District's website, to the extent practicable, and shall be readily available at each campus and the District's administrative offices.

Appendix: Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy

Note to Student Handbook developer: State law requires that the district's policy on student rights and responsibilities be distributed in its Student Handbook(s).

State law added Education Code Chapter 26A, which requires a board-adopted policy for addressing a grievance to meet specific requirements. Include the text of your current FNG(LOCAL) below. TASB Policy Service recommended revisions to FNG(LOCAL) in Update 126. After board action on recommended revisions, changes to this section may be required to align with policy.

The following has been formatted for the district to more easily insert its FNG(LOCAL) policy here rather than in the body of the handbook.

Note: School board policies may be revised at any time. For legal context and the most current copy of the local policy, visit <https://pol.tasb.org/Home/Index/913>. Below is the text of Splendora Independent School District's policy FNG(LOCAL) as of the date this handbook was finalized for this school year.

Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student and Parent Complaints/Grievances

Policy FNG(LOCAL) adopted on 05/18/2026

For those complaints and concerns that cannot be resolved informally, the board has adopted a Student and Parent Complaints/Grievances policy at FNG(LOCAL). This policy can be viewed in the district's policy manual, available online at <https://pol.tasb.org/Home/Index/913>. The complaint forms can be accessed online at https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1689246731/splendoraisdorg/poxksstbeinn8njtkxd/9-27-16Student_Grievance_Forms.pdf.

Following are the steps to resolve all complaints and an online form is available to fill out at [Splendora ISD - Student and Parent Complaints and Grievances - FNG \(Local\)](#).

Step 1. Contact the Staff Member

The most direct route to resolving a concern is to confer directly with the person involved, (teacher, coach, etc.)

Step 2. Contact the Campus Administrator

The principal/designee will be responsible for the school's operation. Explanations of policies and procedures, various clarifications and all types of campus information are available in campus administration offices.

Step 3. Contact the Student Services Office

The Student Services Department may be reached at 281-689-4387. This step should be taken only if steps one and two above have not resolved your concern.

If you have gone through the previous informal steps of problem-solving and have not met a satisfactory conclusion, a parent or student may request a conference with the superintendent or you may then move into the formal process by filing the Level 1 Complaint Form with the campus principal in a timely manner.

After you have gone through the first formal step of problem-solving and have not met a satisfactory conclusion, you may then move into the next formal process by filing the Level 2 Appeal Form with the Director of Student Services.

If you have gone through the Level 1 and Level 2 formal steps of problem-solving and have not met a satisfactory conclusion, you may continue in the formal process with the Board of Trustees by filing the Level 3 Appeal Form with the Superintendent's office.

Some complaints and/or concerns require different procedures as listed above. Any campus office, or Student Services, can provide information regarding specific processes for these complaints and concerns. Additional information can also be found in the designated board policy, available in the principal's and Superintendent's office or on the District's website.