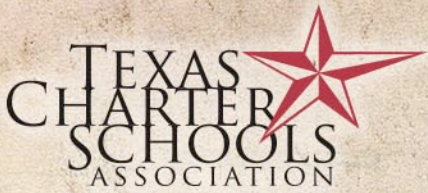


Health and Safety





Immunizations and Communicable Diseases

- Students must be immunized
 - Within 30 days of enrollment
 - Proof of immunization
 - Progress towards immunization
 - Exception (next slide)
 - <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/default.shtm>
- Notice posted on school website
 - Including immunization lists and links to DSHS resources

Exceptions to Immunization

- Physician's Statement
 - poses a significant risk to the health and well-being
- Parent's Affidavit
 - Must use DHHS form
- Active Duty military
 - Student must be active duty

- **KEEP**
 - during the period of attendance for each student admitted.
- **TRANSFER**
 - cooperate in transferring to other schools; parental permission is not required
- **FORM REPORT**
 - present an annual report on a form developed by TEA and the DHHS.

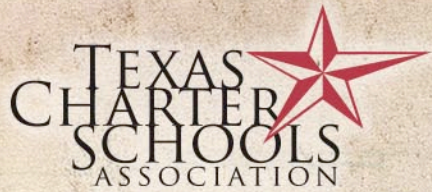
Reportable and Communicable Diseases

- Requirement to report
 - students suspected of having a reportable/notifiable condition.
 - A list of reportable conditions is available on the Texas Department of Health website
 - http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/schools_childcare

Exclusion for Communicable Diseases

- Exclusion from School
 - Shall exclude a student from attending school for having or suspected of having a **communicable condition**
 - until one of the criteria for re-admittance is fulfilled.
 - A list of communicable diseases requiring exclusion from school and readmission criteria, available at 25 Tex. Admin. Code §97.7 and online
 - http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/schools_childcare/resources/childcarechartnotes.pdf

- **NEW** -Lice Notice
 - Must adopt a policy
 - Notify parents if aware child has lice
 - No later than 48 hours
 - Each child of student in class
 - Recommendations from Center for Disease Prevention



Assessment/Screening

Physical Fitness Assessment –

- Annual assessment of the physical fitness of students in grades 3 or higher, report to TEA.

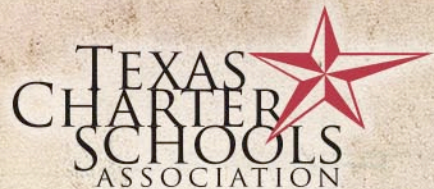
Screenings for Dyslexia and Related Disorders –

- Board must ensure that procedures for identifying a student with dyslexia or a related disorder and for providing appropriate instructional services to the student are implemented in the district in accordance with SBOE rule.

- Dyslexia screening of all students
 - End of Kindergarten AND 1st grade
- Dyslexia Specialist
 - All ESCs must employ a dyslexia specialist who is licensed as a dyslexia therapist
 - Provide support and services to schools
- Dyslexia Training
 - TEA must developing training that is available online
 - Instruction to meet needs of students and recognize dyslexia

- Texas Health and Human Services and the TEA must develop a process of notifying a parent, managing conservator, or guardian of the
 - Screening requirement for abnormal spine curvature;
 - Purposes of and reasons for the screening requirements for abnormal spinal curvature;
 - Noninvasive nature of the method for screening; and
 - Method for declining to comply with the screening requirement because of conflicts with the tenants and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination.

- Expansion of Medicaid reimbursement
 - Parent consent
 - Approved health provider
 - Reimburse of services provided for telehealth services



Child Nutrition

- **Tobacco on School Property**

- Health Advisory Council* SB 489
 - Instruction to prevent use of e-cigs
- the board must prohibit smoking and the use & possession of tobacco products at school-related or school-sanctioned activities on or off school property, including e-cigs .

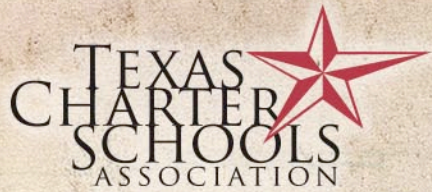
- **Alcohol- Free School Zones**

- the board must “prohibit the use of alcoholic beverages at a school-related or school-sanctioned activity on or off school property”; must cooperate with local law enforcement to provide an alcohol-free zone around the school

Breakfast Program

- **Free or Reduced breakfast or lunch**
 - If at least 80 percent or more of the students qualify for a free or reduced-price breakfast, the open-enrollment charter school shall provide a free breakfast to each student. (May request a one year waiver). Tex. Educ. Code §33.901(b) and (c)
 - In lieu of participation in the national school breakfast program, districts and charters may implement a locally funded program to provide a free or reduced-price breakfast.

- Ability to donate food
 - To nonprofit associated with school
 - Through staff, parent, etc.
 - Extra food from breakfast, lunch, snacks
 - Can distribute to students and families on campus



Reporting Abuse and Neglect

Child Abuse, Neglect & Mistreatment

- Anti-victimization programs in elementary and secondary schools.
- Mandatory Policy
- Employee Training
- Reporting Obligations
- Required Posting: English and Spanish, contains DFPS reporting resources:
<https://www.txabusehotline.org>

- Sex trafficking instructional materials
 - Commissioner, with prevention taskforce, must develop sexual abuse and sex trafficking instructional modules that's schools may use as part of the health curriculum.
 - If school uses module, school must provide notice to parents
- Charter's must adopt and implement a policy to address sex trafficking

Who Must Report?

Texas Family Code §261.101–

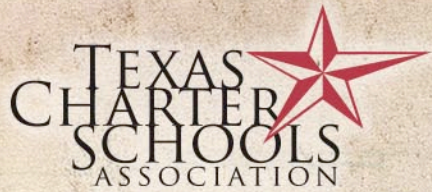
- If a **professional** has cause to believe that a child has been abused or neglected or may be abused or neglected...the professional ***shall*** make a report not later than the 48th hour after the hour the professional first suspects that the child has been abused.
- Must be directly reported to DFPS, not a supervisor
- A “**professional**” is anyone licensed or certified by the state or works for an agency or facility licensed or certified by the state and *has contact with children as a result of their normal duties.*

Abuse and Neglect

- New definitions
 - Abuse includes forcing or coercing a child into marriage
 - Neglect includes
 - a negligent act or omission by an employee, volunteer, or other individual working under the auspices of a facility or program, including failure to comply with an individual treatment plan, plan of care, or individualized service plan, that causes or may cause substantial emotional harm or physical injury to, or the death of, a child served by the facility or program.

All open-enrollment educators to be trained in suicide prevention.

- For new employees it must be offered annually.
- Existing employees will need to be trained by **September 30, 2016**



Other Safety Concerns

Law previously stated that a license holder commits an offense if the license holder carries a handgun on or about their person and intentionally displays the handgun in plain view of another person in a public place. **NOW, there is an exception to this rule if the handgun is partially or wholly visible but is carried in a shoulder or belt holster by the license holder.**

School Parking Lots, Sidewalks, etc.–

- [The Attorney General issued an opinion](#) on December 21, 2015, indicating that schools can prohibit firearms in school parking lots, sidewalks, and driveways during school-sponsored activities.

Law has not changed regarding illegality to carry (open or not):

- School Events On/Off Campus
- Board Meetings
- School “Premises” (i.e. physical buildings)
- Vehicles (Employees and Visitors)

Criminal Trespassing Signs

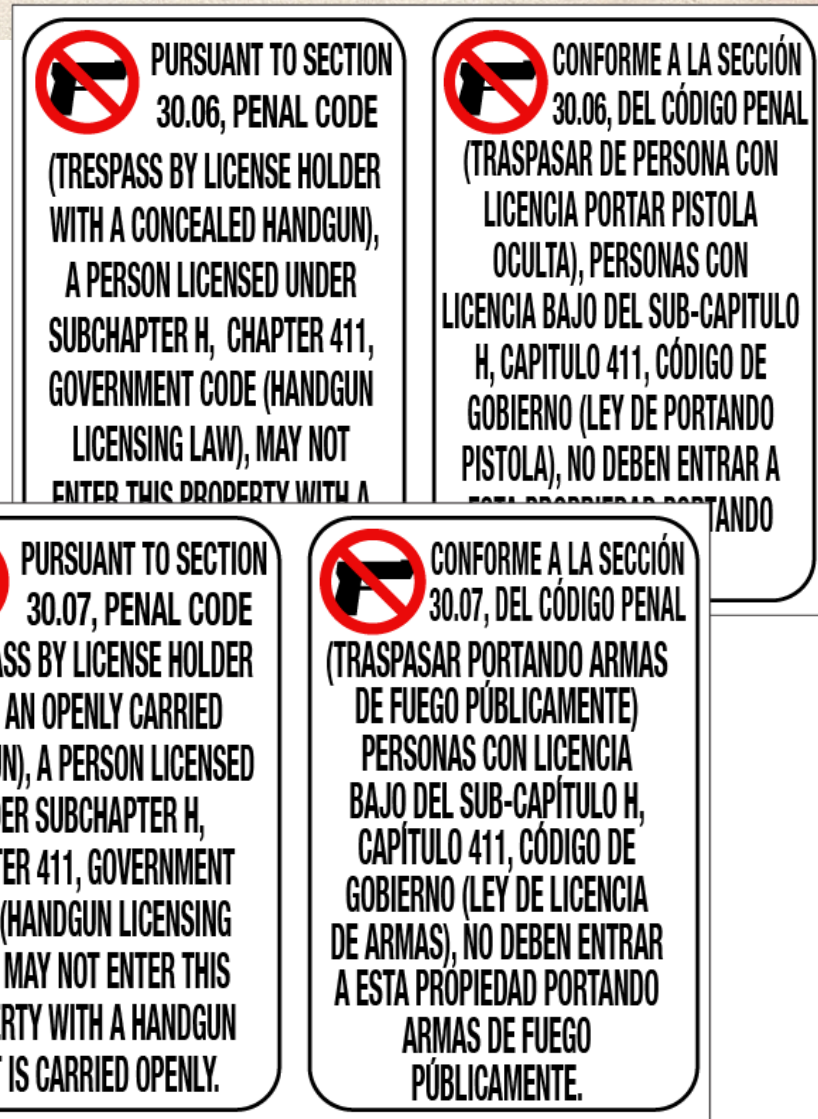
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- Means no CONCEAL carry on premises but open carry is allowed

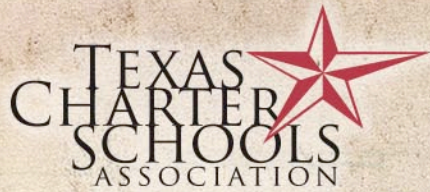
Tex. Penal Code 30.07

- Means no OPEN carry on premises but conceal carry is allowed

Must post both PC 30.06 & PC 30.07 to create a criminal trespass offense for both concealed and open carry



- Conceal Carry SB 1566
 - Cannot prohibit a person who is licensed to store firearms in locked, privately owned vehicle in parking lot
- Concussion Removal HB 3024
 - Adds Chiropractor to list of individuals who believe a student received a concussion, then the student must be removed from the game



Questions?

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