



Texas 87th Legislative Session (2021)

In the 2021, Texas Legislative Update (87th session), David's Legacy Foundation led the effort to make changes affecting Public Schools:

1. All school boards must adopt a policy for prevention and mediation of bullying incidents between students that interfere with the student's educational opportunities or substantially disrupt orderly operations of a classroom, school, or school-sponsored or school-related activities.
2. All school districts are required to adopt TEA's minimum standards to address numerous issues:
 - a. Bullying prevention by focusing on school climate and building healthy relationships between students and staff.
 - b. Establish a committee that will address bullying by focusing on prevention efforts and health and wellness initiatives.
 - c. Students at each grade level to meet periodically for instruction on building relationships and preventing bullying, including cyberbullying.
 - d. All school districts must collect and report annually incidents of bullying and cyberbullying that have occurred on campus through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS).

Note: TEA will finalize and adopt the minimum standards prior to the 2022-2023 school year. School districts are expected to comply in good faith beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

Sources:

Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), Legislative Summary for TASB Member 2021
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