



Content Changes to the 2026-27 *Model Student Handbook*

Section	Change
Child Abuse, Neglect, School Staff Misconduct, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children	Changed “Child Sexual Abuse” to “Child Abuse” since the requirements are all-encompassing P. 39
Child Abuse, Neglect, School Staff Misconduct, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children	Added a subsection for School Staff Misconduct and warning signs Pg. 40
Compulsory Attendance — Ages 6-18	Removed the requirement for students in kindergarten-grade 2 to attend assigned accelerated reading instruction program Pg. 30
College and University Admissions and Financial Aid	Added to the criteria list for automatic admission to four-year public universities and colleges that, beginning in the fall of 2028, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will set the required scores on designated college entrance exams Pg. 40
Parental Rights and Options	Linked to the TEA model form for Parental Rights notification Pg. 89
Private Spaces	Added a section on designation of multiple-occupancy private spaces for use only by individuals of one sex Pg. 93
Unauthorized Persons	Added allowance for a referee, judge, or other official of an extracurricular athletic activity or school-sponsored or UIL-sponsored activity to eject a spectator without giving the person a verbal warning and without requiring persistent inappropriate behavior Pg. 112

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