

Certification of Compliance with Requirements of Senate Bill 12



Senate Bill 12

Senate Bill (SB) 12 of the 89th Legislative Session addressed parental rights in public education and requires certification of compliance with provisions of the Education Code regarding:

1. Parental consent for routine health care, mental health counseling, and club participation
2. Prohibitions regarding instruction related to sexual orientation or gender identity, and prohibition on encouraging social transitioning
3. Prohibition on student clubs or organizations based on sexual orientation or gender identity
4. Instruction prohibitions related to controversial topics
5. Prohibition on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives and duties.

Not later than September 30 of each year, the superintendent of a school district shall certify to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) that the district is in compliance with Education Code 11.005 (prohibition on DEI duties) and Education Code 28.0022 (instructional requirements and prohibitions).

Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

In accordance with [Texas Education Code § 11.005](#), Smithville ISD:

- Does not assign diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) duties to any person.
- Prohibits district employees, contractors, and volunteers from engaging in DEI duties at, for, or on behalf of the district.

The District has adopted policies establishing disciplinary consequences for anyone who intentionally or knowingly engages in, or assigns to another person, DEI duties.

Instructional Requirements

In accordance with [Texas Education Code §28.0022](#), Smithville ISD will not:

- Compel a teacher to discuss a widely debated and currently controversial issue of public policy or social affairs;
- require, make part of a course, or award a grade or course credit, including extra credit, for a student's work with government-related or lobbying activities, or other related activities as prescribed by 28.0022.

If a teacher does choose to discuss any of these topics, it must be in a manner that is free of bias.^a

Certification of Compliance

Districts must annually certify compliance and identify the policies and procedures required by Texas Education Code 11.005(c) and 28.0022(h) and to describe how employees and contractors were notified of these policies and procedures as well as existing policies, programs, procedures, or trainings that were altered to ensure compliance with Sections 11.005 or 28.0022.

TASB Numbered Policy Updates 119, 122, 126, and 127 include policies relevant to the compliance certification.