



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function Board of Education Meeting: 09/01/2026

Item Title: Senate Bill 12 Compliance X Action
Certifications Information
Discussion

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill (SB) 12 from the 89th Legislative Session addressed parental rights in public education and requires certification of compliance with provisions of the Education Code regarding (1) instruction and (2) diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) duties. Also, 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).

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the approval of the Senate Bill 12 compliance certifications.


Corpus Zorola

Submitted by: Program Director


Maricela Zárate Puente

Recommended by: Executive Director


Rosario Peña, RTSBA

Approved by: Assistant Superintendent

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:



Dr. Timothy E. Cuff, Superintendent

TEC §39.008: Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws Required

Section 1: School System Information

Name of School District or Charter School: ___Brownsville Independent School District_____

County-District Number (CDN): ___031-901_____

Superintendent/CEO Name: ___Dr. Timothy E. Cuff_____

Certification School Year: ___2026-2027_____

Section 2: Description of Required Policies and Procedures

Provide a description or attach a copy of the policies and procedures required by TEC, §§11.005(c) and 28.0022(h) and describe how employees and contractors were notified of these policies and procedures.

In accordance with TEC, §§11.005(c) and 28.0022(h), the district maintains comprehensive policies and procedures that are documented and accessible for reference. These documents outline the required protocols and operational standards to ensure compliance with state regulations and district expectations.

Employee notification of these policies and procedures is accomplished through the formal distribution of the employee handbook, which is provided upon hire and updated as necessary to reflect any revisions. All staff members are required to acknowledge receipt and understanding of the handbook, thereby ensuring that employees are fully informed of the district's expectations and procedural requirements.

Contractors are notified of applicable policies and procedures through standardized language included in solicitation and contract documents. This boilerplate language clearly communicates the district's requirements and contractor obligations, ensuring that all external parties are aware of and agree to adhere to the relevant policies and procedures prior to the commencement of any work.

Section 3: Policy or Program Changes

Were any existing policies, programs, procedures, or trainings altered to ensure compliance with TEC, §§39.008, 11.005, and 28.0022? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe or attach a copy of the changes below.

Section 4: Cost Savings

Were there any cost savings resulting from actions taken to comply with TEC, §39.008? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Total cost savings: \$ _____

If yes, describe or attach a copy of the cost savings.

Section 5: Board Approval

Date of Board/Governing Body Meeting: _____

Meeting notice was posted on LEA website at least seven days in advance: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Public testimony opportunity provided during meeting: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Certification approved by majority vote: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Section 6: Certification Statement

By signing below, the undersigned certifies that the information contained in this document is true and correct and that the district or charter school is in compliance with the requirements of Texas Education Code §§39.008, 11.005(c), and 28.0022(h).

Superintendent/CEO Signature: _____

Date: _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public, State of Texas