

TEC §39.008: Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws Required

Section 1: School System Information

Name of School District or Charter School: Palacios ISD

County-District Number (CDN): 158905

Superintendent/CEO Name: Jason Valentine

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.

All employees and contractors are notified in writing. Contractors and vendors receive a document (please see attached) prohibiting DEI in accordance with Texas Education Code. Employees receive notification through the Employee Handbook that can be found on the district [website](#) and made available in print when requested. Acknowledgement form is signed for all employees.

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.

The last page of the adoption reflects the change we made to our vendor packets and contracts notifying them of the requirements of SB 12 and Texas Education Code 39.008.

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: September 14, 2026

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



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August 13, 2026

Dear Valued Vendor,

Senate Bill 12 of the 89th Texas Legislature relates to parental rights in public education, including requirements and prohibitions regarding instruction; diversity, equity, and inclusion duties; assistance with District student social transitioning and student clubs.

The Board of Trustees for Palacios Independent School District must notify all district contractors to comply with the following requirements and directives:

- 1.) Except as required by state or federal law, employees and contractors may not assign diversity, equity, and inclusion duties to any person, and the District hereby prohibits a Palacios ISD employee, contractor or volunteer from engaging in diversity, equity, and inclusion duties at, for, or on behalf of the District;
- 2.) An employee or contractor who intentionally or knowingly engages in or assigns to another person diversity, equity, and inclusion duties will be appropriately disciplined, up to and including termination in accordance with Board Policy CJ(LEGAL) and CJ(LOCAL);
- 3.) No employee may provide or allow a third party to provide instruction, guidance, activities, or programming regarding sexual orientation or gender identity to students enrolled in prekindergarten through grade 12.

Thank you for understanding and cooperation,

Palacios ISD

Cc: Jason Valentine, Superintendent; Peggy Scantlen, Director of Finance