

Compliance Certification Template

TEC §39.008: Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws Required

The template on the following pages is provided to assist Texas school systems in complying with the certification requirements under Texas Education Code [TEC]

§39.008, as enacted by Senate Bill 12 (89th Texas Legislative Session). The completed certification must be approved by the governing body in a public meeting and submitted electronically through the AskTED application no later than September 30 of each school year to the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

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Section 1: School System Information

Name of School District: Stephenville ISD

County-District Number (CDN): 072903

Superintendent Name: Dr. Eric Cederstrom

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.

Board Policies Updated for Compliance: BJCF (LOCAL), BT (LEGAL), CJ (LEGAL) and (LOCAL), DF (LEGAL), DFBB (LOCAL), DH (LOCAL), EMB (LEGAL) and (LOCAL), BJA (LEGAL), CDC (LEGAL), CMD (LEGAL), CQA (LEGAL), DG (LEGAL), and FOA (LEGAL).

In compliance with the 89th Legislative Session, Texas Education Code (TEC), §§11.005(c) and 28.0022(h), Stephenville ISD adopted required policies and procedures related to Senate Bill 12 during the September 21, 2026 Board Meeting. The following documentation is attached and/or maintained as evidence of compliance: * TEC 39.008 Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws Required Form * Parent Notification of Rights forms are listed in Skyward for each parent when registering their student..

Notification to Employees:-All SISD employees receive Stephenville ISD Board Policies at the beginning of the year. These policies are references in the SISD Employee Handbook and a document is signed as acknowledgement. Additionally an email notice was sent to all SISD employees on August 30, 2026 with the SB 12 policies and procedures included.

Notification to Contractors and Contracted Staff-SISD emailed/mailed on August 27, 2026 formal notification letters to all contractors and contracted staff informing them of the district's adopted SB 12 policies and procedures related to compliance expectations. SISD added SB12 statements to the website and we also updated the vendor packets to include the new SB 12 policies and procedures.

Policy	Description of Relevance
BJCF (LOCAL)-Superintendent: Nonrenewal	Engaging or assigning DEI duties as well as instructional activities prohibited by law, were included in the list of reasons the superintendent's contract may be nonrenewed.

BT (LEGAL)-Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Activities	This new legal framework addresses SB12's prohibition on DEI activities. Definitions and prohibited activities and certification requirements are included.
CJ (LEGAL) and (LOCAL)--Contracted Services	Adopted new provisions reflect that contractors may not engage in or assign instructional activities prohibited by law or DEI duties under SB 12. Violations will result in termination of the contract.
DF (LEGAL)--Termination of Employment	The legal framework was revised to address the prohibition on DEI and prohibited classroom instruction.
DFBB (LOCAL)-Term Contracts: Nonrenewal	Engaging or assigning DEI duties, as well as instructional activities prohibited by law, were included in the list of reasons a term contract employee may be nonrenewed.
DH (LOCAL)-Employee Standards of Conduct	Sections on Prohibited Classroom Instruction or Activities and Prohibited Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Duties were added.
EMB (LEGAL) and (LOCAL)-	The legal framework at this code was updated with the information from Education Code 28.0022.

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CMD (LEGAL)-Equipment and Supplies Management: Instructional Materials Care and Accounting	In providing instructional materials for each subject in the required curriculum and each grade level, the district protects students from obscene or harmful content as necessary for compliance with Education Code 28.022.
CQA (LEGAL)-Technology Resources: District, Campus, and Classroom Websites	The list of required website postings was updated to reflect that a district must post notice at least seven days before the date on which a meeting is held to discuss the certification of compliance with Education Code 11.005 and 28.0022.
DG (LEGAL)-Employee Rights and Privileges	Teachers may not be compelled to discuss a widely debated current controversial issue of public policy or social affairs and may not be subject to discipline for an allegation that they did so if they are using SBOE-approved instructional materials
FOA (LEGAL)-Student Discipline: Removal by Teacher or Bus Driver	A teacher may not remove a student from class based on a single incident of behavior if the student is reasonably discussing certain debated and controversial topics subject to Education Code 28.0022.

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.

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Section 4: Cost Savings

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

Total cost savings: \$ N/A

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

Section 5: Board Approval

Date of Board/Governing Body Meeting: September 21, 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