

Juveniles and School Law Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on juveniles and school law. Issues covered in this guide include bullying/cyberbullying, truancy, charter schools, educational law, juvenile delinquency, and more. The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

Related guides: Cyberbullying

Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Texas Family Code

- Title 3 Juvenile Justice Code Ch. 51 General Provisions
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/FA/htm/FA.51.htm>

Texas Education Code

- Ch. 25 Admission, Transfer, and Attendance
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/ED/htm/ED.25.htm>
- Ch. 37 Discipline; Law and Order
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/ED/htm/ED.37.htm>

Texas Administrative Code

- Title 19 Education
[https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=2&ti=19](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=2&ti=19)

Texas Penal Code

- § 8.07 Age Affecting Criminal Responsibility
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/PE/htm/PE.8.htm#8.07>

- § 42.07 Harassment
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/PE/htm/PE.42.htm#42.07>

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure

- § 45.052 Dismissal of Misdemeanor Charge on Completion of Teen Court Program
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CR/htm/CR.45.htm#45.052>
- § 45.0541 Expunction of Failure to Attend School Records
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CR/htm/CR.45.htm#45.0541>

Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code

- Ch. 129A Relief for Cyberbullying of Child
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CP/htm/CP.129A.htm>

Secondary Resources in Print

Texas Juvenile Law KFT 1795 .B58

Cyberbullying Law KF 2846 .J33

- Ch. 2 Due Process in School, Juvenile, and Family Cases
- Ch. 6 The Fourth Amendment: Search and Seizure Including Devices
- Ch. 7 Family Court and Cyberbullying Issues

Texas Criminal Codes & Rules Annotated REF KFT 1761 .A29 T4938

- Texas Code of Criminal Procedure
 - § 45.052 Dismissal of Misdemeanor Charge on Completion of Teen Court Program
 - § 45.0541 Expunction of Failure to Attend School Record
- Texas Penal Code
 - § 8.07 Age Affecting Criminal Responsibility

What Every Teen Should Know About Texas Law
KFT 1281 .W28

The Educator's Guide to Texas School Law REF
KFT 1590 .K44

Texas Criminal Lawyer's Handbook REF KFT 1775
.D36

- Vol. 1, Ch. 2 Search and Seizure: Property §2:53 School Searches

CLE Materials

Juvenile Law Conference KFT 1795 .A75S7

- 2000 Ch. 13A Evidence Issues in Juvenile Hearings
- 2000 Ch. 15A Juvenile Records as Adult Punishment Evidence – “I Will Follow You”

Special Education, Child Welfare, and the Juvenile Justice System Course KFT 1795 .S657

- 2021 Ch. 4 The Intersection of Juvenile Law and Intellectual Disabilities

Handling Your First or Next School Law Case

- 2021 (PDF only)

Online Resources

Truancy (TJCTC) <https://www.tjctc.org/truancy.html>

School-Based Class C Misdemeanors (Texas Law Help) <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/school-based-class-c-misdemeanors>

Juvenile Justice Records: Sealing and Restricted Access (Texas Law Help) <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/juvenile-justice-records-sealing-and-restricted-access>

Texas Bullying Laws (Texas School Safety Center) <https://txssc.txstate.edu/videos/bullying-and-the-law/>

School Transfer for Victims of Bullying (Texas Law Help) <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/school-transfer-for-victims-of-bullying>

Homeschooling in Texas (Texas Law Help) <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/homeschooling-in-texas>

Texas Juvenile Justice Department <https://www.tjjd.texas.gov/>

2020 Juvenile Justice Handbook (Texas Attorney General) <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/sites/default/files/files/divisions/juvenile-justice/JuvenileJusticeHandbook.pdf>

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/states/texas>

CPS Liaisons to the Texas Juvenile Justice Departments https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/child_protection/state_care/juvenile_justice.asp

Juvenile Justice System: What You Need to Know <https://tyla.org/resource/juvenile-justice-system-what-you-need-to-know/>

Tarrant County Juvenile Services <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/juvenile-services.html>

Form: Sworn Application and Petition to Stop Cyberbullying (TX Courts) <https://www.txcourts.gov/media/1454820/229074.pdf>

Texas Compilation of School Discipline Laws and Regulations (Prepared June 30th, 2022, Department of Education) <https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/sites/default/files/discipline-compendium/Texas%20School%20Discipline%20Laws%20and%20Regulations.pdf>

Legal Assistance

Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up <https://www.tarrantbar.org/>

- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)



