

**EDUCATOR ETHICS** Educators shall comply with standard practices and ethical conduct toward students, professional colleagues, school officials, parents, and members of the community and shall safeguard academic freedom.

The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) shall provide for the adoption, amendment, and enforcement of an educator's code of ethics [see DH(EXHIBIT)]. SBEC is solely responsible for enforcing the ethics code for purposes related to certification disciplinary proceedings.

*Education Code 21.041(8); 19 TAC 247.1, 247.2*

**REPORT TO SBEC OF  
EDUCATOR  
MISCONDUCT** The Superintendent shall promptly notify SBEC in writing by filing a report with SBEC not later than the seventh day after the Superintendent first learns about a criminal record or an alleged incident of misconduct, as described at DF, involving a certified educator.

*Education Code 21.006; 19 TAC 249.14*

**PUBLIC SERVANTS** All District employees are "public servants" and therefore subject to Title VIII of the Penal Code, regarding offenses against public administration, including restrictions on the acceptance of illegal gifts, honoraria and expenses, and abuse of office. *Penal Code 1.07(41), Title VIII* [See DBD and BBFA]

**TOBACCO USE  
PROHIBITED** The Board shall prohibit smoking or using tobacco products at a school-related or school-sanctioned activity on or off school property.

**ENFORCEMENT** The Board shall ensure that District personnel enforce the policies on school property.

*Education Code 38.006(1)(3)* [See also FNCD and GKA]

**DRUG AND  
ALCOHOL  
ABUSE PROGRAM** The Board shall prohibit the use of alcoholic beverages at school-related or school-sanctioned activities on or off school property.  
*Education Code 38.007(a)*

A district that receives a federal grant must agree to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees of the requirements of the federal Drug-Free Workplace Act (DFWA) and requiring that each employee be given a copy of the statement [see DI(EXHIBIT)];

2. Establishing a drug-free awareness program for employees pursuant to the DFWA;

3. Notifying the granting agency within ten days after receiving notice that an employee has been convicted under a criminal drug statute;
4. Imposing a sanction on an employee who is convicted of such a violation; and
5. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace.

*41 U.S.C. 702(a)(1); 49 CFR pt. 32*

A district that has 15 or more employees shall adopt a policy for elimination of drug abuse and must provide their employees with a copy of the policy on or before the first day of employment. Districts that comply with DFWA must amend their policies to include alcoholic beverages. *28 TAC 169.1, 169.2*

DIETARY  
SUPPLEMENTS

Except as provided at Education Code 38.011(b), a District employee may not:

1. Knowingly sell, market, or distribute a dietary supplement that contains performance-enhancing compounds to a primary or secondary education student with whom the employee has contact as part of the employee's duties; or
2. Knowingly endorse or suggest the ingestion, intranasal application, or inhalation of a dietary supplement that contains performance-enhancing compounds by a primary or secondary student with whom the employee has contact as part of the employee's duties.

An employee who violates items 1 or 2, above, commits a Class C misdemeanor offense.

*Education Code 38.011*

