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Dear Parent or Guardian:

***Texas law now requires school districts to distribute information to parents and guardians about the safe storage of firearms.*** The attached information will help you learn about options for, as well as how to talk to your child and others about, the safe storage of firearms.

**It is unlawful to store, transport, or abandon an unsecured firearm in a place where children are likely to be and can obtain access to the firearm.** Under [Texas Penal Code 46.13](#), a person commits the offense of making a firearm accessible to a child if the child gains access to a readily dischargeable firearm, and the person with criminal negligence:

- Failed to secure the firearm; or
- Left the firearm in a place to which the person knew or should have known the child would gain access

The penalty for allowing a child access to a firearm can range from a Class C misdemeanor (punishable by a \$500 fine) to a Class A misdemeanor (punishable by a \$4000 fine, a year in jail, or a combination of the two).

Texas exempts the purchase of firearm safety equipment from [Texas Sales and Use Tax](#).

**Remember, a gun should be stored unloaded in a safe or locked container, with ammunition stored elsewhere.** You can learn more and find additional resources from the Texas Department of Public Safety at <https://safegunstoragetexas.com>.

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Superintendent, Bellevue ISD