



Legal and Governance Overview for Leadership LISD

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Topics to Cover

1. State and federal laws affecting public schools
2. Other rules and compliance issues
3. Board Policies, practices, and procedures
4. LISD Legal Department



Some Federal Laws...

Alphabet (and number) Soup

- ADA
- ADEA
- IDEA
- FERPA
- Section 504
- Title IX
- Title IV
- Title VII
- GINA
- NCLB
- HHFKA
- McKinney-Vento
- Constitution
- 1st Amendment
- 4th Amendment
- 14th Amendment



And State Laws...

- Education Code (TEC)
- Administrative Code (TAC)
- Election Code
- Health and Safety Code
- Human Resources Code
- Probate Code
- Tax Code
- PIA
- Government Code
- Local Govern Code
- Family Code
- Penal Code
- Transportation Code
- Insurance Code
- Labor Code



And other rules/guidelines

- SAAH
- OCR Guidance
- DOJ Guidance
- TEA Letters to Administrator
- Copyright/IP
- UIL
- FAST
- FIRST



Governance

- 7 Board Members – Elected positions
- Serve three-year term
- Fully voluntary position – not paid!
- Typically two board meetings per month
- Education Code and Board Policies spell out what board members can do, what administrators can do, and how districts are governed



Board Policies

- Texas Association of School Boards (TASB)
- Board Policies are (Legal) or (Local)
- Legal policies recite law, all districts within Texas have the same
- Local policies are adopted by the school board, with TASB creating model policies



Legal Services Department

- General Counsel – provide legal advice to client
- Paralegal/Public Information Officer
- Legal Assistant/Student Records Specialist
 - Records requests
 - Subpoenas
 - Court orders
 - Legislative updates
 - Board Policy updates
 - Discipline questions
 - Disability/Special Education
 - FERPA
 - Custody/parental disputes
 - Grievances/Complaints



Conclusion and Questions

Thank you!