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Required Newspaper Publication of Notices by School Districts

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Under Texas Local Government Code section 140.0045(a), the proposed budget of a political subdivision, including a school district, must include a line item indicating expenditures for notices required by law to be published by the district in a newspaper. The item must allow as clear a comparison as practicable between those expenditures in the proposed budget and actual expenditures for the same purpose in the prior year.

The chart below includes most, if not all, of the required newspaper notice publications for school districts, along with the authority for the requirement and the TASB Policy code where more information may be found.

Item to be Published	Authority for Requirement	Policy
Notice of Accreditation Status (if warned, probation, or revoked)	19 Tex. Admin. Code § 97.1055(f)(3)(B)	AIA
Notice of hearing on Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)	Tex. Educ. Code § 39.306(c)	AIB
Notice of hearing regarding election of trustees from single-member districts	Tex. Educ. Code § 11.052(c)(2)	BBB
Notice of election	Tex. Elec. Code § 4.003(a)(1), (c)	BBBA
Notice of budget and proposed tax rate meeting	Tex. Educ. Code § 44.004(b)	CCG, CE
Notice of sale or exchange of land	Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 272.001(a)	CDB
Notice of intent to lease land	Tex. Nat. Res. Code § 71.005	CDB
Notice of hearing concerning donation of surplus real property and improvements	Tex. Educ. Code § 11.1541(a)(1)	CDB
Annual financial statement	Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 140.006(c), (d)	CFA
Notice of hearing on annual financial management report	Tex. Educ. Code § 39.083(d); 19 Tex. Admin. Code § 109.1001(q)(4)(a)	CFA
Notice of deadline for bids and proposals	Tex. Educ. Code § 44.031(g); Tex. Gov't Code § 2269.052(a)-(b)	CH, CV
Notice of intent to contract for use, purchase, or acquisition of real property or an improvement to real property	Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 271.004(a)	CHG
Administration dates for PSAT/NMSQT or college advanced placement tests (if district has no website)	Tex. Educ. Code § 29.916(c)	EK

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