

What is TASB School Law eSource?

TASB Legal Services
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TASB Legal Services has legal resources compiled and maintained by attorneys available online in TASB School Law eSource. These resources, mostly in FAQ format, cover over 200 legal topics and are organized by subject matter. Some of the resources are visible to the public and others have controlled access online, but all were prepared by TASB attorneys to assist school officials in navigating complex legal and policy issues and minimizing potential legal risks. The documents are informal answers to common questions based on legal opinions and statutes; they do not substitute for the specific advice of a district's school attorney. These resources are not school district policy, and no TASB Active Member or individual school district has reviewed, adopted, or endorsed the content in the FAQs.

How is TASB School Law eSource organized?

TASB School Law eSource is organized by subject matter, in the same general topics as the TASB Policy Manual. Materials are organized by the following subjects: Governance, Business, Personnel, Instruction, Students, and Community.

Is the content found in TASB School Law eSource school district policy?

No. TASB School Law eSource consists of full text memoranda and frequently asked question documents on topics that generate questions by our members. It also includes links to other resources from agencies such as the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the Texas Ethics Commission, the Texas Attorney General, and the Department of Education (ED).

These documents are for informational purposes only and should not be adopted by the school board.

What if you are looking for a resource you do not see on TASB School Law eSource?

If you are looking for something you do not see on eSource or you have a question about a resource presented here, we suggest the following:

For TASB members, if you have a legal question, you may call our toll-free Legal Line for TASB Legal Services at 800-580-5345 or email us at legal@tasb.org. If you have a question about a resource presented in eSource from another TASB division, please call the main TASB number at 800-580-8272 and ask for that area of TASB. If you have a question about a resource from another entity, like TEA or the ED, please contact that entity.

If you are not a TASB member and you have a legal question, we regret that TASB Legal Services will not be able to provide phone consultation, but we suggest that you contact the state or federal agency or organization that oversees the particular matter.

What if I would like a written opinion on how the law applies to a specific situation in my district?

We do our best to answer every question posed by members, but when appropriate, we will not hesitate to refer callers to their school district's own counsel. In some circumstances, the district's own attorney is in a superior position to assimilate the relevant facts. Further, a district's private attorney is equipped to write any formal legal opinions for the district. Although TASB attorneys may provide callers with citations to policy, case law, statutes, and other legal sources to support their legal advice and reasoning, TASB attorneys do not issue formal letter opinions.

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