

**Texans Can! Shared Service Arrangement
Austin Can!, Dallas Can!, Fort Worth Can!,
Houston Can! & San Antonio Can!**

SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICIES

Board Adopted November 2004

Topics

Child Find

Transfer Students

CHILD FIND

Authority 34 C.F.R. Part 300; 19 T.A.C. Chapter 89, Texas Education Code (T.E.C.) 29

Texans Can! Shared Service Arrangement is responsible for providing a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to all individuals with disabilities age birth through 21 who live within our jurisdiction and meet the qualifications of our Charter filed with the Texas Education Agency. These eligible students are served by the school district with the assistance of the Texas Education Agency, the Region 10 Education Service Center and the Early Childhood Intervention program. Regardless of the severity of the disability, Texans Can! Shared Service Arrangement will make every effort to locate, identify, and evaluate these individuals. Dissemination of information to the public concerning services offered to all individuals with disabilities includes:

1. participating in a network of public information dissemination which includes the Education Service Center, other agencies, communities, and facilities providing services to students with disabilities;
2. providing information regarding availability of services;
3. determining which individuals are currently receiving needed Special Education and related services and which individuals are not currently receiving needed Special Education and related services;
4. identifying and referring individuals with disabilities who may or may not be in school and who may need Special Education and related services;
5. referring individuals ages 0-3 to a local Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) program for evaluation;
6. reviewing this process on a yearly basis, updating staff about on-going "Child Find" activities implemented in the community; and
7. maintaining confidentiality of all personally identifiable information used and collected in this system in the same manner that Special Education records are maintained.

The Texans Can! Shared Service Arrangement Special Education Administrator is responsible for implementation and direction of the "Child Find" program, as well as annually identifying any other staff members who will participate in the organization and implementation of this program.

Any students of an age addressed by the school program who are suspected of having a disability and in need of Special Education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA '04) are referred for possible Special Education or Early Childhood Intervention services within the school using referral procedures adopted by the school.

All federal and state regulations governing the confidentiality of records, timelines, and implementation of programs for students eligible for services will be adhered to in this program.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Authority: 34 C.F.R. Part 300; Appendix A to 34 C.F.R. Part 300; 19 T.A.C. Chapter 89

Determination of eligibility for Special Education for a transfer student will be determined by:

- Verification from the parents that the student was receiving Special Education services in the previous school district OR
- Verification, in writing or by telephone, from the previous school district that the student was receiving Special Education services.

For a student who is new to the district, the ARD Committee may meet and accept the current IEP if:

- The previous district is in the same state;
- A copy of the student's current IEP is available;
- The parent indicates, in writing, that they are satisfied with the current IEP;
- The district determines that the current IEP is appropriate and can be implemented, as written.

Texans Can! Charter Schools

This handbook serves as the Student Handbook for all TEXANS CAN! Schools.

STUDENT HANDBOOK & CODE OF CONDUCT

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TEXANS CAN! Inc., is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation created to provide alternative educational opportunities for at-risk students in Texas. The corporation currently operates ten schools: Dallas Can! Academy, which has four campuses, Fort Worth Can! Academy, which has two campuses, Houston Can! Academy, which has two campuses, Austin Can! Academy and San Antonio Can! High School.

The term Texans Can! will be used throughout this document to represent Dallas Can! Academy, Fort Worth Can! Academy, Houston Can! Academy, Austin Can! Academy, San Antonio Can! High School and Texans Can! Academy

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If a child is experiencing education related difficulties, the parent or adult student must contact the campus administrator, the campus Special Education coordinator, the student's teacher, or the Director of Special Education in writing to express their concern. At any time, a parent or adult student is entitled to request an evaluation for special education services. The student will then be referred to the Student Support Team, the district's overall general education pre-referral committee.