Legal Framework Update
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Framework Highlights
• Updated Frameworks
• Notice of Procedural Safeguards
• Parent’s Guide to the Admission, Review, and Dismissal Process
• Linking the Transition Guide
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• SPP Assurances
• Other Considerations
• How to Navigate the Legal Framework (Teachers/Parents)
• How to Navigate the Legal Framework (Administrators)
• UPCOMING TRAINING DATES!!!
Updated Frameworks

• Parent Notification and Personal Graduation Plan
• Referral for Possible Special Education Services
• Ages 0-5
• Incarceration
• Review of Existing Evaluation Data
• Evaluation Procedures
• Summary of Performance

• Auditory Impairment
• Visual Impairment
• Rule of Construction
• Admission, Review, and Dismissal Committee Membership
• Parent Participation
• Admission, Review, and Dismissal Committee Meeting
• Transition Services

Updated Frameworks (Cont’d.)

• Special Factors
• Supplementary Aids and Services, Special Education, Related Services
• Least Restrictive Environment
• State and Districtwide Assessments
• Graduation
• Extended School Year Services
• Prior Written Notice
• Consent for Initial Evaluation

• Restraint and Time-out
• Authority of School Personnel
• Disciplinary Change of Placement
• Shared Services Arrangements
Notice of Procedural Safeguards

- No substantive changes.
- Dates on cover and footers were changed to April 2016.
- LEAs may continue to distribute the previously published edition.
- No change document in administrator workbench due to the minimal change.


- Change document posted in administrator workbench.
- LEAs are asked to print and distribute the new guide from this point on.
- TEA will reimburse ESCs for cost of printing the guide, if significant costs are accrued (subject to approval).
Linking the *Transition Guide*

- Current Legal Framework *Transition Guide* training materials are consistent with the law as written.
- *Transition Guide* should be linked to the local LEA website and the link posted within the framework (instructions in training PowerPoint).
- It is acceptable to link to the Transition in Texas webpage ([www.transitionintexas.org](http://www.transitionintexas.org)) which shows link to the *Transition Guide*.

Board Policy Linking/ Uploading

- Policy linking/ uploading for all LEAs (districts and charters) is to be completed by **OCTOBER 31, 2016**.
- How-to training PowerPoints can be found in each contact’s and special education director’s workbench in the Resource Library tab in the drop down box “Training Material” how-to folder.
SPP Assurances

- All LEAs (districts & charters) found to have significant disproportionality must submit SPP Assurance agreements within the Legal Framework.
- Training documents for SPP Assurance submission can be found in the Resource Library in the administrator workbench.
- List of LEAs is to be distributed to ESCs at the July F2F Special Education Directors’ meeting.

Other Considerations

- Feel free to request training and/or technical assistance for development or updating of local operating guidelines (templates available in administrator workbench).
- Linking to Framework is not required; but it is a local option.
- There have been questions about the removal of the charter policies.
- Those policies previously uploaded have been archived (not deleted).
- This process makes the uploading process easier for the charter contacts.
Resource Documents

- How to Navigate the Legal Framework (Teachers and Parents)

- How to Navigate the Legal Framework (Administrators)

Upcoming Training Dates

Legal Framework Changes/ Board Policy Linking

- May 25, 2016  1-4pm   ESC 20
- June 8, 2016   1-4pm   ESC 20
- More info to come!!