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Module 1: Program Introduction

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Topic A:

Introduction | 4 min | Hide Content

1. Program Overview: "School Law 101" | 03:10
2. Site Tips | 00:25

Module 2: Essential Case Law That Affects the Job of School Leaders

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Topic A:

A School Law Primer for Busy Administrators | 2 hr | Hide Content

1. Introduction to school law | 01:20
2. How school law evolves | 08:25
3. Governance of education | 09:05
4. Religion in schools — Part 1 | 07:00
5. Religion in schools — recent case law | 09:15
6. Student rights — limitations and administrative discretion | 04:10
7. Student rights — freedom of expression | 05:30
8. Student rights — search and seizure | 05:25
9. Student rights to due process and fairness | 03:20
10. Legal requirements for "High Stakes Testing" | 09:40
11. Teacher rights — limitations to free speech | 05:55
12. Teacher rights — termination and dismissal | 06:05
13. Legal requirements for desegregation | 06:15
14. IDEA law | 06:20
15. Legal considerations for school funding and finance | 04:20
16. When can schools be held liable? | 07:00
17. Defamation & student records | 04:15
18. How to keep abreast of new school law | 04:20

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A School Law Primer for Busy Administrators

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Topic B:

School Activity Fund Law and Accounting | 2 hr | Hide Content

1. Introduction to managing school activity funds | 04:10
2. Sources of activity funds | 03:50
3. FAQs about activity funds | 07:30
4. Safeguards for managing activity funds | 02:50
5. Three guidelines for activity funds: planning, consistency & follow through | 05:05
6. Legal requirements for activity funds — Part 1 | 04:05
7. Legal requirements for activity funds — Part 2 | 04:25
8. Centralized versus decentralized activity fund accounting | 03:15

9. Types of student groups that require activity fund management | 06:30
10. Managing monies from student fundraisers — Part 1 | 05:10
11. Managing monies from student fundraisers — Part 2 | 09:20
12. Requirements based on student activity fund classification | 03:30
13. What should I do if there are unspent funds? | 01:50
14. Guidelines for the day to day management of activity funds | 07:00
15. Student activity funds — campus activity funds — booster clubs | 00:45
16. Centralized v. decentralized day-to-day operations | 06:45
17. Procedures for accepting cash and checks | 06:35
18. Procedures for paying activity fund invoices | 03:50
19. Procedures for reconciling bank accounts and statements | 03:35
20. Procedures for payments made to employees | 07:20
21. Procedures for accepting donated items | 09:25
22. Budgeting for activity funds — Part 1 | 04:15
23. Budgeting for activity funds — Part 2 | 04:45
24. Sample student activity fund procedures | 08:10
25. Activity fund sample forms | 01:10
26. FAQs — student activity funds — Part 1 | 05:50
27. FAQs — student activity funds — Part 2 | 05:15
28. FAQs — student activity funds — Part 3 | 06:10
29. Can a faith-based organization use your school facility? | 03:10
30. Can your school use funds from a defunct organization? | 02:45

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School Activity Fund Law and Accounting

Module 3: School Law Considerations for Everything You Do

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Topic A:

Special Education Compliance & Discipline (Texas law cited) | 1:45 hr | Hide Content

1. Topic introduction: Special education compliance & discipline | 01:20
2. The number of days a student can be removed from school | 06:35
3. Out of school suspensions | 05:55
4. Case Law – required days in school | 04:10
5. Situations that call for a behavior intervention plan | 08:50
6. Disciplinary action taken in a behavior intervention plan | 05:05
7. Case Law – behavior intervention plans | 05:15
8. When is a manifestation determination required? | 04:15
9. What should be included in a manifestation determination? | 04:30
10. Case law – manifestation determinations | 07:30
11. Criteria for special education eligibility | 04:20
12. Dealing with a dangerous student–Part 1 | 04:40
13. Dealing with a dangerous student–Part 2 | 03:35
14. Dealing with drugs and weapons | 07:05
15. Case law – drugs and weapons in schools | 01:35
16. Who is responsible for IEP implementation | 07:30
17. Proper ways to deal with student conflict | 03:15
18. The Texas recess rule | 07:45
19. Complying with special education law | 01:20

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Special Education Compliance & Discipline (Texas law cited)

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Topic B:

Family Law (Texas law cited) | 1 hr | Hide Content

1. Introduction to family law and student custody issues | 04:25
2. Statutory rights of parents | 03:45

3. Which divorced parent can provide consent for a student? | 07:35
4. Guidelines for student admissions | 04:10
5. What if a student is not living with the parents? | 04:50
6. Denying admission to a student | 03:00
7. Who can enroll a student in school? | 03:45
8. Picking up students after school | 04:20
9. Information requests | 03:50
10. Rights of separated parents that are NOT divorced | 01:10
11. Dealing with disruptive parents – part 1 | 04:30
12. Dealing with disruptive parents – part 2 | 02:35
13. When to contact an attorney related to student custody issues | 00:55

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Family Law (Texas law cited)

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Topic C:

Student Discipline (Texas law cited) | 2 hr | Hide Content

1. Introduction to school law effecting student discipline procedures | 01:35
2. Developing a student code of conduct | 03:15
3. When can a teacher remove a student from a classroom? | 03:30
4. When is a teacher mandated to remove a student from a classroom? | 06:15
5. Student suspension | 04:30
6. Due process required for student suspensions | 04:40
7. Documenting student suspensions | 01:00
8. Alternative education placement | 06:11
9. Offenses that require alternative education placement – part 1 | 07:20
10. Offenses that require alternative education placement – part 2 | 03:40
11. What is student retaliation? | 03:40
12. Off campus offenses | 03:45
13. Administrative discretion when recommending alternative education placement | 05:30
14. A student code of conduct and alternative education placement | 03:55
15. Due process for a student alternative education placement | 05:15
16. Alternative education placement and suspension of extracurricular activities | 01:20
17. Case law – alternative education placement | 03:20
18. Establishing the length of an alternative education placement | 04:50
19. Common mistakes when completing an alternative education placement | 03:35
20. Student expulsion for most serious offenses | 03:30
21. Expulsion: Mandatory violations–Part 1 | 03:40
22. Expulsion: Mandatory violations–Part 2 | 05:15
23. Expulsion: Discretionary offenses | 03:30
24. Expulsion: Emergency situations | 01:40
25. Common mistakes made when recommending expulsion | 02:15
26. Student corporal punishment | 01:20
27. Extracurricular activities code of conduct | 02:00
28. Common sense recommendations for student discipline | 02:35
29. Unique considerations when disciplining special education students | 00:50
30. Other discipline options for special education students | 01:15

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Topic D:

Drug & Weapons Searches (Texas Law cited) | 45 min | Hide Content

1. Introduction to school law as it relates to drug and weapons searches | 01:50
2. Searches in School Context - Overview | 03:35
3. Case law – reasonable cause for a school search | 06:50
4. Guiding principles for administrators conducting school searches | 05:40
5. When to contact law enforcement? | 02:50
6. Group Searches | 03:55

7. Metal detectors and school law | 05:40
8. Drug Testing: Overview | 02:35
9. Case law – student drug testing | 03:10
10. Group testing for drugs | 01:55
11. Drug Testing: Breathalyzers | 00:45
12. Guidelines for reasonable searches – procedures and suggestions | 06:25
13. Training on when and how to conduct a school search | 01:10

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Drug & Weapons Searches (Texas Law cited)

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Topic E:

Student Records (Texas Law cited) | 45 min | Hide Content

1. Introduction to student records | 02:25
2. Family education rights and privacy act ("FERPA") | 03:45
3. Student and parent rights to student records | 04:30
4. Types of records that are subject to FERPA laws | 05:30
5. When can student records be released to third parties? | 02:55
6. Texas Public Information Act | 08:55
7. Exceptions to student privacy rights | 05:35
8. FERPA non compliance penalties – part 1 | 02:30
9. FERPA non compliance penalties – part 2 | 03:05
10. FERPA and the release of student videos | 02:10
11. FERPA and student's exchange of papers | 02:25
12. FAQ-Access by Both Parents Absent Court Order | 01:30
13. Balance between public information and rights to privacy | 00:40

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Student Records (Texas Law cited)

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Topic F:

Dress Codes, Uniform & Hair Length (Texas Law cited) | 1 hr | Hide Content

1. Introduction to school law and dress codes | 03:50
2. Hair & gender-specific regulations | 07:45
3. Student rights to free speech | 07:50
4. Sending lewd, vulgar, or offensive messages | 05:35
5. Religious exemptions | 07:35
6. Vague or overly broad regulations | 07:25
7. School uniforms | 07:45
8. Legal liability summary – political speech | 02:15

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Dress Codes, Uniform & Hair Length (Texas Law cited)

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Topic G:

Religious Issues (Texas Law cited) | 45 min | Hide Content

1. Introduction to religion in public schools | 02:30
2. Case law – religion in public schools | 02:00
3. Basic principles to use when dealing with religious issues | 07:05
4. Distribution of outside religious material | 03:45
5. Prayer in public schools | 05:40
6. Prayer at school activities | 09:20
7. Team and club prayer | 02:25
8. Prayer at graduation ceremonies | 04:00
9. School employee prayer participation | 06:15
10. Summary – separation of church and state | 00:30

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Topic H:

Documentation (Texas Law cited) | 45 min | Hide Content

1. Introduction to school documentation | 02:25
2. Purposes for documentation | 07:40
3. Administrator notes | 05:15
4. Summary conference memos | 04:45
5. How detailed should my documentation be? | 04:05
6. Suggestions for creating unambiguous documentation | 03:55
7. Documentation required for teacher evaluation | 02:05
8. Practical guidelines for school documentation | 03:00

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Topic I:

Human Resource Management (Texas Law cited) | 45 min | Hide Content

1. Introduction to human resource management | 03:05
2. Suggestions for recruiting great teachers | 01:45
3. Dos & Don'ts during the interview | 02:00
4. Professional Development Appraisal System (PDAS) | 03:45
5. Evaluation and documentation for At-will employees | 02:50
6. Wage & hour requirements for non-certified employees | 01:10
7. Effective ways for principals to use technology | 01:55
8. Texas Association of school board policy | 03:15
9. Student activity funds | 01:45
10. Credit by exam/copyright laws | 02:10
11. What is local policy versus legal policy | 01:30

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Human Resource Management (Texas Law cited)