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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Texas law now requires school districts to distribute information to parents and guardians about the safe storage of firearms. The attached information will help you learn about options for, as well as how to talk to your child and others about, the safe storage of firearms.

It is unlawful to store, transport, or abandon an unsecured firearm in a place where children are likely to be and can obtain access to the firearm. Under Texas Penal Code 46.13, a person commits the offense of making a firearm accessible to a child if the child gains access to a readily dischargeable firearm, and the person with criminal negligence:

- Failed to secure the firearm; or
- Left the firearm in a place to which the person knew or should have known the child would gain access

The penalty for allowing a child access to a firearm can range from a Class C misdemeanor (punishable by a \$500 fine) to a Class A misdemeanor (punishable by a \$4000 fine, a year in jail, or a combination of the two).

Texas exempts the purchase of firearm safety equipment from Texas Sales and Use Tax.

Remember, a gun should be stored unloaded in a safe or locked container, with ammunition stored elsewhere. You can learn more and find additional resources from the Texas Department of Public Safety at <https://safegunstoragetexas.com>.

Sincerely,

Dave Plymale
Superintendent

Safe Firearm Storage Resources

*Information for School Districts and Open-Enrollment Charter Schools to
Assist with New Legislative Requirements*

[Texas Education Code 37.222](#) requires the Texas School Safety Center, in collaboration with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), to provide to each school district and open-enrollment charter school information and other resources regarding the safe storage of firearms, including information on section [46.13 of the Texas Penal Code](#), for distribution by the district or school.

The Texas DPS has created a public relations campaign – [Keep 'Em Safe Texas](#) – that offers free downloadable resources to promote safe gun storage.

Districts must provide this information to the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in the district or school at least three times each school year as required by [HB 121](#), p. 15, Section 10 (89th Texas Legislature). The Texas School Safety Center recommends districts provide this information at the beginning of the school year, before holidays and breaks, and at the end of the school year.

Keep 'Em Safe Texas Resources

In the educator toolkit below, you will find links to resources in English and Spanish to assist districts with meeting this legislative mandate. Districts may select the resources and formats that best fit their needs.

[Keep 'Em Safe Texas Educator Toolkit](#)

Parent Letter

The Texas School Safety Center has also prepared a parent cover letter template that districts may adapt to introduce the resources above and provide parents with information on section [46.13 of the Penal Code](#).

Parent Letter Template - English: [Download here](#)

Parent Letter Template - Spanish: [Download here](#)



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