

**Trauma-Informed
Care Policy**

A district shall adopt and implement a policy requiring the integration of trauma-informed practices in each school environment. A district must include the policy in the district improvement plan required under Education Code 11.252 [see BQ].

The policy must address:

1. Using resources developed by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), methods for:
 - a. Increasing staff and parent awareness of trauma-informed care; and
 - b. Implementation of trauma-informed practices and care by district and campus staff; and
2. Available counseling options for students affected by trauma or grief.

Education Code 38.036(a)–(b)

Training

The methods for increasing awareness and implementation of trauma-informed care must include training as provided below. The training must be provided:

1. Through a program selected from the list of recommended best practice-based programs and research-based practices established under Health and Safety Code 161.325 [redesignated as Education Code 38.351];
2. As part of any new employee orientation for all new district educators; and
3. To existing district educators on a schedule adopted by TEA that requires educators to be trained at intervals necessary to keep educators informed of developments in the field.

For any training under this provision, a district shall maintain records that include the name of each district staff member who participated in the training.

If a district determines that the district does not have sufficient resources to provide the training required under this provision, the district may partner with a community mental health organization to provide training that meets the requirements at no cost to the district.

Education Code 38.036(c)–(d), (f)

Reporting to TEA

A district shall report annually to TEA the following information for the district as a whole and for each school campus:

1. The number of teachers, principals, and counselors employed by the district who have completed training under this provision; and
2. The total number of teachers, principals, and counselors employed by the district.

Education Code 38.036(e)