

Amendment to the DOI Plan

Vaping and DAEP

Exemption from TEC 37.006

Related Board Policies: FNCD (LEGAL), FOC (LEGAL)

Current Statute:

The statutory requirement mandates that a student who possesses or gives/sells another student an e-cigarette or marijuana must be sent to a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP).

This new code provides no flexibility in dealing with students who violate this rule. This zero-tolerance policy requires removal based on a first offense and does not allow for any discretion based on the nature of the offense. ECISD believes this will unnecessarily remove students from the classroom, adversely impact student proficiency, and reverse the progress being made on behavior and discipline in our schools. The District seeks to put decisions back in the hands of educators and local district leadership. Student learning and progress are disrupted when students are removed from their home campus.

The District will ensure that vaping and other similar offenses will be dealt with appropriately through the District-wide, Board-approved Student Code of Conduct, local interventions, or counseling.

As of October 2023, 122 districts have requested this exemption in Texas.

Local Guidelines:

In requesting this exemption, the District commits to:

- *Document all related offenses.*
- *Report any offenses to parents and guardians.*
- *Develop a robust plan to guide local disciplinary interventions*
- *Educate students and families on the dangers of vaping and addiction.*