

# Juveniles and School Law Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on juveniles and school law. Issues covered in this guide include bullying/cyberbullying, truancy, charter schools, educational law, juvenile delinquency, and more. The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

## Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online [www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov)

Texas Family Code

- Title 3 Juvenile Justice Code Ch. 51 General Provisions  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/FA/htm/FA.51.htm>

Texas Education Code

- Ch. 25 Admission, Transfer, and Attendance  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/ED/htm/ED.25.htm>
- Ch. 37 Discipline; Law and Order  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/ED/htm/ED.37.htm>

Texas Administrative Code

- Title 19 Education  
[https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac\\_view=2&ti=19](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=2&ti=19)

Texas Penal Code

- § 8.07 Age Affecting Criminal Responsibility  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/PE/htm/PE.8.htm#8.07>

- § 42.07 Harassment  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/PE/htm/PE.42.htm#42.07>

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure

- § 45.052 Dismissal of Misdemeanor Charge on Completion of Teen Court Program  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CR/htm/CR.45.htm#45.052>
- § 45.0541 Expunction of Failure to Attend School Records  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CR/htm/CR.45.htm#45.0541>

Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code

- Ch. 129A Relief for Cyberbullying of Child  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CP/htm/CP.129A.htm>

## Secondary Resources in Print

**Texas Juvenile Law KFT 1795.B58**

**Cyberbullying Law KF 2846.J33**

- Ch. 2 Due Process in School, Juvenile, and Family Cases
- Ch. 6 The Fourth Amendment: Search and Seizure Including Devices
- Ch. 7 Family Court and Cyberbullying Issues

**What Every Teen Should Know About Texas Law KFT 1281.W28**

**The Educator's Guide to Texas School Law KFT 1590.K44**

**Texas Criminal Codes & Rules Annotated KFT 1761.A29 T4938**

- Texas Code of Criminal Procedure

- § 45.052 Dismissal of Misdemeanor Charge on Completion of Teen Court Program
- § 45.0541 Expunction of Failure to Attend School Record
- Texas Penal Code
  - § 8.07 Age Affecting Criminal Responsibility

**Texas Criminal Lawyer's Handbook KFT 1775.D36**

- Vol. 1, Ch. 2 Search and Seizure: Property §2:53 School Searches

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/states/texas>

CPS Liaisons to the Texas Juvenile Justice Departments [https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/child\\_protection/state\\_care/juvenile\\_justice.asp](https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/child_protection/state_care/juvenile_justice.asp)

Juvenile Justice System: What You Need to Know <https://tyla.org/resource/juvenile-justice-system-what-you-need-to-know/>

Tarrant County Juvenile Services <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/juvenile-services.html>

Texas Compilation of School Discipline Laws and Regulations (Prepared June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Department of Education) <https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/sites/default/files/discipline-compendium/Texas%20School%20Discipline%20Laws%20and%20Regulations.pdf>

**CLE Materials**

**Juvenile Law Conference KFT 1795.A75S7**

- 2000 Ch. 13A Evidence Issues in Juvenile Hearings
- 2000 Ch. 15A Juvenile Records as Adult Punishment Evidence – “I Will Follow You”

**Special Education, Child Welfare, and the Juvenile Justice System Course KFT 1795.S657**

- 2021 Ch. 4 The Intersection of Juvenile Law and Intellectual Disabilities

**Handling Your First or Next School Law Case**

- 2021 (PDF)

**Online Resources**

Education, Language, and Civil Rights (Texas Law Help) <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/education-language-and-civil-rights>

Texas Bullying Laws (Texas School Safety Center) <https://txssc.txstate.edu/videos/bullying-and-the-law/>

Texas Juvenile Justice Department <https://www.tjjd.texas.gov/>

2020 Juvenile Justice Handbook (Texas Attorney General) <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/sites/default/files/divisions/juvenile-justice/JuvenileJusticeHandbook.pdf>

**Legal Assistance**

**Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)**

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up <https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up <https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)**