

SCHOOL HEALTH / SAFE AND DRUG FREE SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Committee Description, Purpose

The School Health Advisory Committee (S.H.A.C.) and the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Advisory Committee (S.D.F.S.C.) meet jointly and collaborate on various health-related issues affecting students in the Brazosport Independent School District.

The S.H.A.C./S.D.F.S.C. Committee is a group of parents, community members, school personnel and students working together to ensure that all children have the opportunity to be healthy and that schools provide a healthy, safe, and drug-free learning environment.

This joint committee acts in an advisory capacity. It is responsible for making recommendations to the district and to the B.I.S.D. Board of Education.

Statutory Citations

Senate Bill 19, 77th Legislature authorized the State Board of Education to adopt rules which required every school district to have a S.H.A.C. Committee. Thus, Chapter 28, Section 28.004 of the Texas Education Code states, "Each school district in the state is required to establish and maintain a district-level School Health Advisory Committee."

The Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities program was established under Title IV of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act (PL 103-382, section 4003). This law was reauthorized under Title IV, Part A of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. In order to receive federal funds under this Act, school districts must have ongoing CONSULTATION with appropriate representatives (including private schools) and organizations

Membership

The Brazosport Independent School District's S.H.A.C. / S.D.F.S.C. Committee will include the following representatives:

- Parents of students enrolled in the district and who are not employed by the district.
- Teachers
- Administrators
- Health care professionals
- Business community
- Law enforcement
- Senior citizens
- Clergy
- Non-profit health organizations
- Students
- Private school representatives (S.D.F.S.C. requirement)

Committee Roles, Responsibilities

Specific roles and responsibilities of the S.H.A.C. / S.D.F.S.C. Advisory Committee are included, but not limited to, in the following:

- Approving the district's local Wellness Policy and making recommendations to the Board of Education for approval.
- To recommend and advise the Board of Education regarding the district's Coordinated School Health Program.
- Advise the Board regarding course materials and instruction relating to human sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases and acquired immune deficiency syndrome.
- Advise the Board on policies to ensure that students in elementary grades engage in at least 30 minutes per school day or 135 minutes per school week of physical activity.
- Recommend and promote healthy choices for nutrition and fitness among students.
- Approve the S.D.F.S.C.'s annual budget, the S.A.S. Application for Federal Funding, and the S.D.F.S.C. Annual Compliance Report.
- Review and recommend research-scientific base intervention programs for drug and violence prevention programs for students.
- Review annual evaluation data from safety, health, drug, violence, physical education and nutrition programs offered in the district.