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Waller ISD SHAC 2024-2025

Fentanyl Use Prevention and Drug Poisoning Awareness

The Why-

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- Fentanyl is the nation's greatest and most urgent drug threat. *(source: DEA)*
- The drug space is dramatically different from when we grew up, or even from just a few years ago. Drug traffickers are using social media to advertise drugs and conduct sales - making them available to anyone with a smartphone, including teens and young adults. *(Source: DEA)*
- DEA lab testing reveals that six out of every ten fake pills with fentanyl contain a potentially lethal dose. A lethal dose 2 milligrams, the amount found on the tip of a pencil. *(Source: DEA)*
- Texas has seen a 43% and 35% decrease in fentanyl poisoning and opioid related deaths from 2023-2024 respectively. This is the first downward trend in a decade. *(Source: Texas DHS)*

Annual instruction for students in grades 6-12

Each school district is required to annually provide to students in grades 6–12 research-based instruction on fentanyl abuse prevention and drug poisoning awareness (TEC, §38.040). The required instruction in fentanyl prevention and drug poisoning awareness must include the following:

- Suicide prevention
- Prevention of the abuse of and addiction to fentanyl
- Awareness of local school and community resources and any processes involved in accessing those resources
- Health education that includes information about substance use and abuse, including youth substance use and abuse

The instruction may be provided by a public or private institution of higher education, library, community service organization, religious organization, local public health agency or organization that employs mental health professionals or an employee or agent of these entities.
A school district or open-enrollment charter school may satisfy a requirement to implement a program in substance abuse prevention and intervention by providing instruction related to youth substance use and abuse education under the new Fentanyl Prevention and Drug Poisoning Awareness Education requirement provided by TEC, §38.040 (TEC, §38.351(g-1)).

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SHAC Duties in 2024-2025

Recommend to the local board of trustees the appropriate grade levels and curriculum for instruction in the dangers of opioids, including addiction to and abuse of synthetic opioids such as fentanyl (Texas Education Code (TEC) §28.004(c)).

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The Process

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- **December 3, 2025:**
  - First public meeting
  - Out of district resources, materials, curriculum
- **February 4, 2025:**
  - Second public meeting
  - In-district resources, materials, curriculum
- **March 20, 2025:**
  - SHAC convenes to determine final recommendation

Meeting 1 Curriculum Review

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Out of District: TEA/ TxSSC Recommendations

- National Institute of Drug Abuse
- Tucker Project
- Stop the Void
- Virginia Foundation for Healthy Use
- Operation Prevention
- Stanford Medicine
- Know the Truth
- DEA: One Pill Can Kill

Meeting 2 Curriculum Review

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In-District

- CATCH Unit 4: Grades 6-8

Parent Consent

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Parent consent <u>before</u> instruction:

- EHAA Legal and Local
- Parents must **<u>opt in</u>** before instruction

SHAC Recommendation

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In District: CATCH Unit 4 Grades 6-8

- Do Not Recommend

SHAC Recommendation

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Out of District: Do Not Recommend

- National Institute of Drug Abuse
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SHAC Recommendation

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Out of District: Recommend Grades 6-12

- Alternating years
- Tucker Project
- DEA: One Pill Can Kill

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Out of District: Recommend for Parent Presentations

- Standford

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Questions?
Thank you!