

Senate Bill 12: The “Parental Rights” Bill

Carroll ISD recognizes and affirms the importance of parental involvement and decision-making in their students’ education. Senate Bill 12, passed during the 89th Legislative Session, introduces several provisions designed to expand parental rights and engagement. The law emphasizes transparency between schools and families, reinforces parental authority in reviewing instructional materials, and ensures parents are informed participants in decisions that impact their child’s learning environment. Carroll ISD remains committed to working in partnership with parents, honoring both the letter and spirit of SB 12, and continuing our shared mission of supporting student success.



Below are some policy changes created by SB 12.

Parental Consent & Notifications

Parental consent must be granted for students to receive instruction related to human sexuality, to be provided no later than 14 days prior to instruction.

Student Clubs

Students are prohibited from creating clubs based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Parents must give written permission for K-12 students to participate in a student club authorized or sponsored by the District.

Social / Emotional Considerations

In keeping with Texas law, students must be referred to by their biological gender. Teachers and staff members are prohibited from providing instruction, guidance, activities, or programming regarding sexual orientation or gender identity to students enrolled in Pre-K - 12th grade.

Healthcare Services

Parents are to be notified of any changes in monitoring or services provided to students related to their mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being. Parents must OPT OUT if they do not wish for their child to receive routine health services, such as first aid.

Board Meetings

All Board meetings must begin with public comments and take place outside of regular business hours.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Districts are prohibited from hiring or employment practices with respect to race, sex, color, or ethnicity. Districts must also prohibit employees from engaging diversity, equity, and inclusion duties for or on behalf of the District.

Instructional Materials

Districts are required to post instructional plans and course syllabi online. The District is also required to provide increased access for parents to review materials, and more robust tracking and reporting on student library book checkout activity.

Parental Access to Information

No information about a student may be withheld from the parent unless required by law, and parents are entitled to access all written records pertaining to their child, including library and health records.