TEC §39.008: Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws Required

Section 1: School System Information

Name of School District or Charter School: __**Westwood ISD**_____

County-District Number (CDN): 001908

Superintendent/CEO Name: __**Lawrence Coleman, Interim Superintendent/ Chris Alford, CFO**_____

Certification School Year: _**2026-2027**_____

Section 2: Description of Required Policies and Procedures

Provide a description or attach a copy of the policies and procedures required by TEC, §§11.005(c) and 28.0022(h) and describe how employees and contractors were notified of these policies and procedures.

Westwood Independent School District adopted TASB Policy Updates 125 and 126 on June 8, 2026, and Policy Update 127 on July 13, 2026. These updates included revisions to district policies addressing Senate Bill 12 requirements, including restrictions on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) activities, prohibited classroom instruction, and employee standards of conduct.

The district incorporated applicable requirements into its 2026–2027 Employee Handbook, including policies DF and DH and provisions related to Texas Education Code §§11.005 and 28.0022. Employees were notified of these policies and procedures through beginning-of-the-year staff training sessions held in August 2026 and through the district's Employee Handbook.

Section 3: Policy or Program Changes

Were any existing policies, programs, procedures, or trainings altered to ensure compliance with TEC, §§39.008, 11.005, and 28.0022? ☑ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe or attach a copy of the changes below.

Compliance Certification Template

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The template on the following pages is provided to assist Texas school systems in complying with the certification requirements under Texas Education Code [TEC] §39.008, as enacted by Senate Bill 12 (89th Texas Legislative Session). The completed certification must be approved by the governing body in a public meeting and submitted electronically through the AskTED application no later than September 30 of each school year to the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

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Westwood Independent School District adopted TASB Policy Update 126 on June 8, 2026, which included revisions to local policies addressing requirements of Senate Bill 12. These changes included board meeting procedures, public participation, contracted services, employee standards of conduct, grievance procedures, instructional plans, parental access to instructional materials, and parental engagement.

Additional SB 12-related policy revisions were approved through TASB Policy Update 127 on July 13, 2026. The district also incorporated applicable requirements into its 2026-2027 Employee Handbook, including provisions addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) restrictions and prohibited classroom instruction.

Section 4: Cost Savings

Were there any cost savings resulting from actions taken to comply with TEC, §39.008? ☐ Yes ☑ No

Total cost savings: $ __**0.00**_____

If yes, describe or attach a copy of the cost savings.

Section 5: Board Approval

Date of Board/Governing Body Meeting: _**07/13/2026**_____

Meeting notice was posted on LEA website at least seven days in advance: ☑ Yes ☐ No

Public testimony opportunity provided during meeting: ☑ Yes ☐ No

Certification approved by majority vote: ☑ Yes ☐ No

Section 6: Certification Statement

By signing below, the undersigned certifies that the information contained in this document is true and correct and that the district or charter school is in compliance with the requirements of Texas Education Code §§39.008, 11.005(c), and 28.0022(h).

Superintendent/CEO Signature: _____

Date: _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

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Notary Public, State of Texas