

Cameras in the Classroom

Texas Education Code §29.022 (i.e. SB 507)

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Summary/Purpose

Beginning with the 2016/2017 school year, requires districts to place video cameras with audio recording capability in certain self-contained classrooms and other special education settings for students with disabilities, upon the request of a parent, trustee, or staff member, in order to ensure the safety of students with disabilities in these classrooms.



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Definition - Parent

- A person standing in parental relation whose rights have not been terminated, whose child receives special education for at least 50 percent of the instructional day in the self-contained class,
- A student who is 18 years of age or older who receives special education for at least 50 percent of the instructional day in the self-contained class whose disabilities of minority have been removed or unless the student has been determined to be incompetent or rights have been restricted by court order.



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Definition – Staff Member

- Teacher, related service provider, paraprofessional, or educational aide assigned to work in the self-contained classroom or other special education setting.
- Principal or AP of the campus at which the self-contained classroom or other special education setting is located.



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Definition - Trustee

- **A member of a school district's board of trustees.**
- **A member of an open-enrollment charter school's governing body.**



Definition – Open Enrollment Charter School

- **A charter granted to a charter holder under TEC 12.101 or 12.152, identified with its own county district number.**



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