

School Health Advisory Council

Every independent school system is required by law to have a School District Health Advisory Council; of which the majority of members must be parents who are not employed by the school district. Title 2, Chapter 28, Section 28.004 of the Texas Education Code at <http://tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/statutes/ed.toc.htm> details the specifics of this mandate.

A SHAC is a group of individuals representative of segments of the community, generally appointed by the school district to serve at the district level. This group provides advice on coordinated school health and its impact on student health and learning.

SHACs provide recommendations specific to changes and/or additions to the school's health education curriculum or instruction that impact the entire school district. School districts use a SHAC to advise them on a variety of topics.

SHACs provide advice and can only make recommendations to the school district Board of Trustees. They are not part of the paid administrative staff or structure of the schools; nor do they have any legal responsibilities within the school district.

Cypress-Fairbanks local School Health Advisory Council will meet yearly in the Fall and Spring semesters. Please contact Jan Jones, Director of Health Services for information at 281-897-4015. For further information on Texas law regarding SHACs, please see the Department of State Health Services guide: Promoting Healthy Youth, Schools, and Communities at www.schoolhealth.info.