

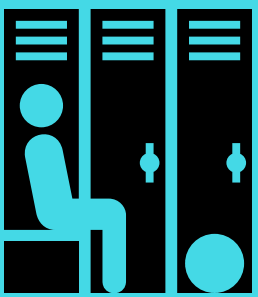
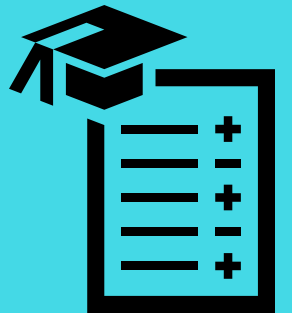
New for the 2017-18 School Year:

AN END TO OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS FOR TEXAS' YOUNGEST STUDENTS



What does the new law do?

House Bill (HB) 674 ends out-of-school suspensions for Texas students in preschool through 2nd grade.



But remember . . .

Students can still be punished with in-school suspensions and they can still be suspended out of school for serious offenses like assault, drug possession, and weapon possession.

Positive Behavior Plans:

HB 674 encourages school districts to develop plans to utilize age-appropriate, research-based positive behavior models. These models help educators to manage their classrooms, demonstrate behavioral expectations to students, and foster safe and supportive school climates. Some examples include Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Restorative Practices, and Social-Emotional Learning.

How You Can Support Your School:



- Review your Student Code of Conduct and make sure your administrators and educators know that they can no longer use out-of-school suspensions to punish young students for minor behaviors.
- Urge your administrators to access resources from your Regional Education Service Center and implement positive behavior plans.

Questions or Concerns?

Contact Texas Appleseed if you believe your campus or school district is not following the law.

And check out www.texasdisciplinelab.org for ways to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline in your community!