

WINDHAM SCHOOL

DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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SUPERSEDES: BP-3.00 and BP-3.01

BOARD POLICY

SUBJECT: WINDHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUTHORITY: Texas Education Code, Section 19.002 and 19.003

APPLICABILITY: Windham School District

POLICY:

The Windham School District (WSD) was established by the Texas Legislature as an entity separate and distinct from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) with the Texas Board of Criminal Justice (Board), serving as the Board of Trustees for the WSD. It is the policy of the Board that the WSD shall provide academic, as well as career, vocational and technology education, to eligible offenders incarcerated within the TDCJ.

PROCEDURES:

I. General

- A. The operation of the WSD shall be administered in accordance with the Texas Education Code, Chapter 19, and the policies and procedures of the WSD as adopted by the WSD Board of Trustees and the WSD Superintendent.
- B. The funds allocated to the WSD may be spent only for WSD administrative costs related to education as well as for WSD educational programs and services. These funds shall be disbursed only with the approval of the WSD Board of Trustees.
- C. The WSD is also authorized by Chapter 19 of the Texas Education Code to receive funds from the TDCJ for educational programs. This is accomplished by Memorandum of Understanding between the TDCJ and the WSD.

II. Mission and Goals

- A. The mission of the WSD is to provide appropriate educational programming and services to meet the needs of the eligible offender population in TDCJ and reduce recidivism by assisting offenders in becoming responsible, productive members of their communities.
- B. The goals of the WSD shall include educating offenders to:
 - 1. Reduce recidivism;
 - 2. Reduce the cost of confinement or imprisonment;
 - 3. Increase the success for former offenders to obtain and maintain employment; and
 - 4. Provide an incentive for offenders to behave in positive ways during confinement.

Christina Melton Crain, Chairman
Windham School District Board of Trustees