



WINDHAM SCHOOL  
DISTRICT

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# WINDHAM BOARD POLICY

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**SUBJECT:** WINDHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

**AUTHORITY:** Texas Education Code §§19.002 and 19.003

**APPLICABILITY:** Windham School District (WSD)

## **POLICY:**

The WSD was established, as authorized by the legislature by the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, then known as the Texas Board of Corrections, as an entity separate and distinct from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). The Texas Board of Criminal Justice serves as the WSD Board of Trustees (board). 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 board and the 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 board.
- 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.

\*Signature on file

Oliver J. Bell, Chairman

Windham School District Board of Trustees