

STANDARDS

New construction and major renovation of TSD buildings will be in accordance with all federal and state standards applicable to TSD.

Prior to final approval of design documents for new construction and major renovations, the Superintendent shall ensure that the Texas Facility Commission is aware that all construction and renovation of TSD buildings will be in accordance with all federal and state standards applicable to TSD, including the provision of the Texas Government Code Chapter 2166.

The Superintendent shall ensure that future construction and major renovations shall maintain the architectural integrity of the campus.

CONSTRUCTION QUALITY

Construction and renovation projects shall also comply with facility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (see READILY ACCESSIBLE PROGRAMS below) and other applicable local, state, and federal requirements.

19 TAC 61.1033(f)

READILY ACCESSIBLE PROGRAMS

No qualified individual with a disability shall, because of the School's facilities are inaccessible to, or unusable by individuals with disabilities, be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, and activities of the School, or be subject to discrimination.

42 U.S.C. 12132; 28 CFR 35.149; 29 U.S.C. 794; 34 CFR 104.21

The School shall operate each program, service, or activity so that when viewed in its entirety it is readily accessible to, and usable by, individuals with disabilities. The School is not, however, required to make each existing facility, or every part of a facility, accessible to, and usable by, individuals with disabilities.

Compliance with these requirements may be achieved by:

1. Redesigning equipment.
2. Reassigning classes, or other services, to accessible buildings.
3. Assigning aides to qualified individuals with disabilities.
4. Home visits.
5. Delivery of services at alternate accessible sites.
6. Alteration of existing facilities.
7. Constructing new facilities that comply with 34 C.F.R. 104.23 and 28 C.F.R. 35.151.
8. Any other methods that would result in making services, programs and activities accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Structural changes in existing facilities need not be made when other methods will achieve compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and its implementing regulation. In choosing among available alternatives for meeting these requirements, the Board shall give priority to methods that offer services, programs and activities to qualified individuals with disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate.

28 C.F.R. 35.150; 34 C.F.R. 104.22

NOTICE

Any interested persons, including those with impaired vision and hearing, can obtain information as to the existence and location of services, activities, and facilities that are accessible to, and usable by, disabled persons by contacting the TSD Superintendent's Office.

34 C.F.R. 104.22(f)

PLAYGROUNDS

Public funds may not be used to purchase or install playground equipment if the equipment does not comply with each applicable provision of ASTM Standard F1487-07ae1, "Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use," published by ASTM International or has a horizontal bare metal platform or a bare metal step or slide, unless the bare metal is shielded from direct sun by a covering provided with the equipment or by a shaded area in the location where the equipment is installed.

Public funds may not be used to purchase or install surfacing for the area under and around the playground equipment if the surfacing will not comply with each applicable provision of ASTM Standard F2223-04e1, "Standard Guide for ASTM Standards on Playground Surfacing," published by ASTM International.

EXCEPTION

Public funds may be used to maintain playground equipment, or surfacing, that was purchased before September 1, 2009, even if they do not comply with the Playground Safety Handbook.

Health and Safety Code 756.061

OUTDOOR LIGHTING
FIXTURES

An outdoor lighting fixture that is designed, installed, or replaced on or after September 1, 1999, may be installed, replaced, maintained, or operated using state funds only if the fixture meets the specific energy conservation and light pollution standards in Health and Safety Code Chapter 425.

EXCEPTIONS

The standards for state-funded outdoor lighting fixtures do not apply when:

1. Preempted by federal law, rule, or regulation;
2. Emergency personnel temporarily require additional illumination for emergency procedures;
3. The lighting fixture is used temporarily for nighttime work;
4. Special events or circumstances require additional illumination;
5. The fixture is used solely to enhance the aesthetic beauty of an object; or
6. A compelling safety interest cannot be addressed by another method.

TEST OF NATURAL GAS
PIPING

At least every two years, before the beginning of the school year and in strict compliance with the time frames established by Railroad Commission rule, the School shall pressure test the natural gas piping system in each School facility. The testing may be performed on a two-year cycle under which the School pressure tests the natural gas piping system in approximately one-half of the facilities each year. If the School operates one or more School facilities on a year-round calendar, the pressure test in each of those facilities shall be conducted and reported not later than July 1 of the year in which the pressure test is performed. *Utilities Code 121.502; 16 TAC 8.230(c)(4)*

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FACILITY STANDARDS

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RAILROAD COMMISSION RULES The Railroad Commission of Texas has adopted rules to enforce this policy. Each School facility described in Commission rules shall be tested in accordance with the procedures and timetables implemented by Commission rules. *16 TAC 8.230*

STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES A test performed under a municipal code in compliance with Railroad Commission rules shall satisfy the pressure testing requirements. *Utilities Code 121.502(d); 16 TAC 8.230(c)(1)*
The pressure test shall determine whether the natural gas piping downstream of a School facility meter holds at least normal operating pressure over a specified period determined by the Railroad Commission. During the pressure test, each system supply inlet and outlet in the facility must be closed. The pressure test shall be performed by a person qualified in accordance with the testing procedures established by Railroad Commission rules. At the School's request, the Railroad Commission shall assist the School in developing a procedure for conducting the test. *Utilities Code 121.503; 16 TAC 8.230(c)(2), (3)*

NOTICE The School shall provide written notice to the School's natural gas supplier specifying the date and result of each pressure test or other inspection. The supplier shall develop procedures for receiving such written notice from the School. *Utilities Code 121.504(a); 16 TAC 8.230(c)(1)*

TERMINATION OF SERVICE The supplier shall terminate service to a School facility if:

1. The supplier receives official notification from the firm or individual conducting the test of a hazardous natural gas leakage in the facility piping system; or
2. A test or other inspection is not performed as required.

Utilities Code 121.505(a)

The supplier shall develop procedures for terminating service to the School if:

1. The natural gas supplier receives notification of a hazardous natural gas leak in the school facility piping system; or
2. The natural gas supplier does not receive written notification from the School specifying the completion date and results of the testing.

16 TAC 8.230(b)(2)

REPORTING LEAKS An identified natural gas leakage in a School facility must be reported to the Board. The firm or individual conducting the natural gas piping test shall immediately report any hazardous natural gas leak in a School facility to Board and to the School's natural gas supplier. *Utilities Code 121.506; 16 TAC 8.230(c)(6)*

LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM (LP)-GAS SYSTEMS TESTING At least biennially, the School shall perform pressure tests for leakage on the LP-gas piping system in each School facility before the beginning of the school year. The School may perform the pressure tests on a two-year cycle under which the tests are performed for the LP-gas piping systems of approximately half of the facilities each year. If the School operates one or more School facilities on a year-round calendar, the pressure test in each of those facilities must be conducted and reported not later than July 1 of the year in which the

test is performed.

A test performed under a municipal code satisfies the pressure testing requirements.

Natural Resources Code 113.352; 16 TAC 9.41

REQUIREMENTS OF TEST

The School shall perform the pressure test to determine whether the LP-gas piping system holds at least the amount of pressure specified by the National Fire Protection Association 54, National Fuel Gas Code. The pressure test must be conducted in accordance with National Fire Protection Association 54. The Railroad Commission, upon request, shall assist the School in providing for the certification of a School employee to conduct the test and in developing a procedure for conducting the test.

Natural Resources Code 113.353

Before the introduction of any LP-gas into the LP-gas piping system, the School shall provide verification to its supplier that the piping has been tested.

NOTICE

The School shall provide written notice to the Railroad Commission specifying the date and the result of each pressure test or other inspection of the LP-gas piping system within one week of the date each test is performed.

Natural Resources Code 113.354; 16 TAC 9.41

TERMINATION OF SERVICE

A supplier shall terminate service to a School facility if:

1. The supplier receives official notification from the firm or individual conducting the test of a hazardous leakage in the facility LP-gas piping system; or
2. A test at the facility is not performed as required.

Natural Resources Code 113.355

REPORTING LEAKS

An identified LP-gas leakage in a School facility shall be reported to the board and the LP gas system shall be removed from LP gas service until repairs are made and another test passed. *Natural Resources Code 113.356; 16 TAC 9.41(b)(3)*

INTRASTATE PIPELINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

The Railroad Commission shall require the owner or operator of each intrastate hazardous liquid or carbon dioxide pipeline facility, any part of which is located within 1,000 feet of a public school building containing classrooms, or within 1,000 feet of another public school facility where students congregate, to:

1. On written request from the School, provide in writing the following parts of a pipeline emergency response plan that are relevant to the school:
 - a. A description and map of the pipeline facilities that are within 1,000 feet of the School building or facility;
 - b. A list of any product transported in the segment of the pipeline that is within 1,000 feet of the School facility;
 - c. The designated emergency number for the pipeline facility

- operator;
 - d. Information on the state's excavation one-call system; and
 - e. Information on how to recognize, report, and respond to a product release; and
2. Mail a copy of the requested items by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the School Superintendent.

A pipeline operator or the operator's representative shall appear at a regularly scheduled meeting of a Board to explain the above items if requested by the Board or School.

The Railroad Commission may not require the release of parts of an emergency response plan that include security sensitive information, including maps or data. Security sensitive information shall be made available for review by but not provided to a board.

Natural Resources Code 117.012(k), (l), (m); 16 TAC 8.315