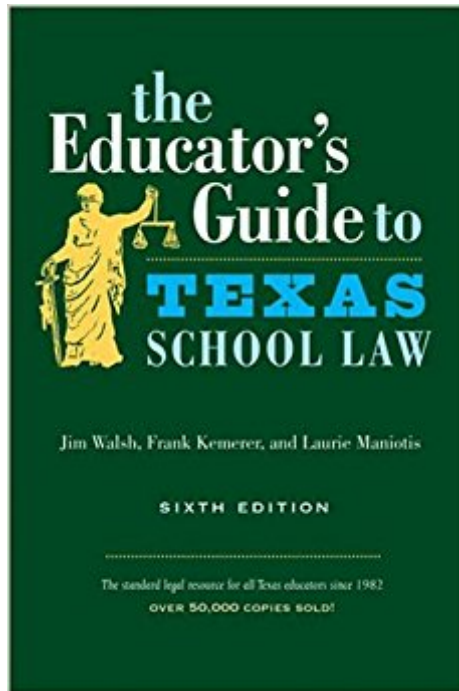




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The Educator's Guide To Texas School Law: Sixth Edition



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For over twenty years, The Educator's Guide to Texas School Law has been the preeminent source for information on Texas school law for the state's education community. The sixth edition is the latest in a series of revisions designed to keep the book current, comprehensive, and readable. Readers will find a number of changes in the new edition. First and foremost, the immensely important No Child Left Behind Act has been incorporated at various points in the text, particularly in discussions pertaining to accountability, assessment, and school safety. Other changes include an expanded discussion of charter schools, school uniform policies, and student drug testing programs. Employment issues are now addressed in two chapters, one dealing with contractual matters and the other with personnel management. The new edition includes all legislative developments, relevant federal and state court rulings, and Texas Commissioner of Education decisions to date. In its ten chapters, The Educator's Guide discusses a myriad of topics relating to the legal structure of the Texas school system, attendance law and the instructional program, the education of children with disabilities, employment law, rights of expression and association, the role of religion, student discipline, open meetings and public records, privacy issues, student search and seizure, and legal liability of school districts and employees.

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I usually try to get rid of books for classes as soon as I can, so they won't just sit around the house collecting dust. I found this book at such a great price. The information in this book is invaluable to an administrator in the state of Texas.

This book arrived quickly and has proved to be everything I needed it to be. Thank you very much

Authors Frank Kemerer and Jim Walsh have written one of those "must-haves" that belongs in your professional library. If you are an educator in Texas, you need this book. Readable and thorough, the book touches all areas of concern, with emphasis on how the law applies in Texas. Kemerer is Regents Professor of Education Law and Administration at UNT and Walsh is senior partner in the Walsh, Anderson, Underwood, Schulze & Alderidge firm which has been heavily involved with districts across the state for some time now. This one is a needful reference, no matter what you level you teach.

Every teacher should know school law in his/her state. I recommend this book to all Texas educators. It is concise and provides the reader with the ability to judge the provisions of state law regarding teacher and student rights, to see the simplified version of state legislation as it affects schools, and to understand reasons for the laws enacted by legislators which so affect the education of students in Texas. Any questions an educator might have regarding any part of a law are well explained. The book's author Jim Walsh has done a magnificent job of delineating just what can and cannot be done in the classroom, what can be done by administrators and by teachers, and what effects actions of others have on students and their education. Teachers, after reading the book, can interact intelligently with administrators when dealing with situations which affect education. For so long, teachers have been told what the state law says. Now we can judge for ourselves whether or not those "in the know" really know Texas school law. Finally, we have a revised edition which explains it all!

The title doesn't sound overly interesting but it actually is an interesting book. Teaching is an important job but there are a lot of things that a teacher could do to get in trouble (such as breaking privacy laws). The book also covers the law regarding starting a job contract, which I found to be

particularly enlightening. It also covers some of the changes to Texas law since No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and laws regarding English language learners and illegal immigrants (they have the right to public education like anyone else). These are all important issues for the Texas teacher.

THIS BOOK IS USED FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE IN THE EDUCATION GRADUATE PROGRAM, BUT I BELIEVE EVERYONE, INCLUDING BEGINNING TEACHERS SHOULD HAVE THIS BOOK. IT IS A BOOK THAT WILL SAVE ANYONE WHO IS IN THE EDUCATION FIELD A LOT OF MONEY AND HIS/HER PICTURE OFF THE FRONT PAGE OF THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

This book was an asset. I used it instead of my assigned text when working to pass the TExES Principal exam. This book was much better and more reader friendly than anything else I had used. The special ed section is a Must Read as is the part on employee rights! I highly recommend this book!

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