



Educator's Toolkit

FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) has several resources for educators and programs across all grade levels. The Educator's Toolkit highlights the resources TYLA has created for educators. Several of these resources meet Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) standards, include viewing guides and/or curriculum materials, and address important social issues that affect students of all grades. Each of these resources can be found at www.tyla.org.

Teach Safe. Learn Safe. Be Safe.



[Teach Safe. Learn Safe. Be Safe.](http://teachsafe.tyla.org) is a dynamic multimedia website that provides an overview of legal issues and laws affecting education. The website presents information in an understandable, easy to use format across five broad categories: (1) teachers, (2) parents, (3) administration, (4) special education, and (5) social media. This resource addresses issues related to privacy, employment matters, discipline, bullying, special education processes, sexual misconduct, and other pertinent topics. *Teach Safe. Learn Safe. Be Safe.* is available at <http://teachsafe.tyla.org>.

Educating Educators



[Educating Educators](http://tyla.org/resource/educating-educators) is a guide designed to educate teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals about their rights, responsibilities, and legal obligations. This guide aids educators in fostering appropriate relationships with students, parents, and administrators and provides guidance concerning reporting obligations for child abuse and human trafficking. The guide also addresses the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), educators' rights and responsibilities under FERPA, and common legal pitfalls educators face. Printed copies of the guide are available from TYLA upon request, and a PDF version is available at tyla.org/resource/educating-educators.

Proud To Be An American



Targeted TEKS: 5.15, 5.16, 5.18, 5.20(A)

Through animated and documentary-style videos, [Proud to Be an American](#) guides students through an exploration of the basic rights of American citizens. For elementary-aged students, there are two animated modules that discuss the rights and responsibilities of American citizens and the origins of the United States. For middle school and high school students, there are six modules that discuss the rights and responsibilities of American citizens through the stories of immigrants, scholars, a voting rights expert, and various elected officials. Also available are worksheets, games, essay prompts, and debate topics that allow students to explore these issues further. *Proud to Be an American* is available at tyla.org/resource/proud-to-be-an-american.

End Bullying Now



Targeted TEKS: TAC Sections §§ 115.2, 115.7, Health Education

[End Bullying Now](#) is a comprehensive anti-bullying website that features stories about individuals who have endured bullying, including actors, athletes, notable business people, and students. *End Bullying Now* is geared toward kids, teens, and adults, provides resources for identifying and addressing bullying, and educates bullied individuals on their legal rights. This resource is available at www.biggerthanbullies.com.

Junior Judges



Targeted TEKS: TAC Sections 115.5 to 115.7, Health Education

The [Junior Judges](#) videos and curriculum help elementary school children make good decisions concerning issues of cheating, destroying property, teasing, bullying, stealing, drugs and alcohol, and gangs and weapons. This resource is designed to teach children about the potential consequences of their bad decisions.