SB 9 Contractor Certification
Independent Contractor

Introduction: Texas Education Code Chapter 22 requires entities that contract with school districts to obtain criminal history records on covered employees. Covered employees with disqualifying criminal histories are prohibited from serving at a school district. Contractors must certify to the district that they have complied and must obtain similar certifications from their subcontractors.

The district may not obtain criminal histories for contractors. The law requires each contractor to obtain the criminal histories of its covered employees. For more information or to set up an account, a contractor should contact the Texas Department of Public Safety's Crime Records Service at 512-424-2474.

Definitions:

Covered employees: Employees of a contractor who have or will have continuing duties related to the service to be performed at the District and have or will have direct contact with students. The District will be the final arbiter of what constitutes continuing duties or direct contact with students.

Disqualifying criminal history: (1) a conviction or other criminal history information designated by the District; or (2) one of the following offenses, if at the time of the offense, the victim was under 18 or enrolled in a public school: (a) a felony offense under Title 5, Texas Penal Code; (b) an offense for which a defendant is required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 62, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure; (c) an equivalent offense under federal law or the laws of another state.

I certify to Onalaska Independent School District ("District") that I have obtained all required criminal history record information regarding myself through the Texas Department of Public Safety's Fingerprint-based Applicant Clearinghouse of Texas (FACT). I further certify to the District that I do not have a disqualifying criminal history. I agree to notify the District in writing within 3 business days if I am arrested or adjudicated for a disqualifying reason during the contract term.

I agree to provide the District, upon request, my full name and any other requested information so that the District may obtain my criminal history record information. I understand that the District may terminate my services at any time if the District determines, at its sole discretion, that my criminal history is not acceptable.

Noncompliance or misrepresentations regarding this certification may be grounds for contract termination.

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Signature	Date
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Printed Name	Title