

# **Leakey ISD SHAC**

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# **What is a SHAC?**

SHAC: School Health Advisory Council

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- A group of individuals representative of the community who provide advice on coordinated school health programming and its impact on student health and learning
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# **What is a SHAC?**

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- Provide recommendations specific to changes and/or additions to the school district's health education curriculum
  - Advisory committee only
  - Volunteer committee only
  - Have no legal responsibilities within the district
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# **Texas Law and SHACs**

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## **□ TEC 28.004 requires:**

- Each district must have a SHAC to ensure that local community values are reflected in the districts health education instruction**
  - The district must consider recommendations from the SHAC prior to changing the district's health education curriculum**
  - Majority of members must be parents of students and not employed by the district**
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# **What do SHACs do?**

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- Develop plans/activities that address:
    - Health instruction
    - Healthy school environment
    - Health services
    - Physical Education
    - School counseling
    - Food service
    - School site health promotion
    - Involvement with parents and community
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# **Who are members of SHACs**

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- Demonstrated interest in youth
  - Knowledge of community profile
  - Professional ability
  - Commitment of time
  - Representative of the population
  - Credible membership
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# **How do SHACs function?**

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- Orientation
  - Structure
  - Philosophy
  - Needs assessment
  - Meetings
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# References

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