



Permanent Statement

School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)

Purpose

The Beatrice Mayes Institute School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) serves in an advisory capacity to the BMI Board of Directors to help ensure that local community values are reflected in the district's health education and coordinated school health efforts.

The SHAC provides recommendations regarding policies, programs, practices, and strategies that support the health and well-being of BMI students and promote a healthy school environment that supports student learning and academic success.

Statutory Authority

The Beatrice Mayes Institute SHAC is established in accordance with **Texas Education Code §28.004**. State law requires each school district to establish a School Health Advisory Council and outlines requirements related to SHAC membership, meetings, responsibilities, recommendations, and public transparency.

Membership

SHAC membership includes parents of currently enrolled students and may include school personnel and representatives from the community. In accordance with Texas law, a majority of SHAC members must be parents of students currently enrolled in the district who are not employed by the district.

The BMI Board of Directors appoints SHAC members. A parent member who is not employed by the district serves as chair or co-chair of the council.

Role of the SHAC

The SHAC reviews and provides recommendations to the district regarding matters related to student health and coordinated school health. The council provides a forum for parents, school personnel, and community representatives to work collaboratively in support of the health and well-being of BMI students.

The SHAC serves in an **advisory capacity**. Final authority for district policies and decisions remains with the BMI Board of Directors as provided by law.

