

SB 9 Contractor Certification Subcontractor

Introduction: Texas Education Code Chapter 22 requires entities that contract with school district contractors to obtain criminal history record information regarding covered employees. Covered employees with disqualifying criminal histories are prohibited from serving at a school district. Subcontractors must certify to the district and to the contractor that they have complied.

The district may not obtain criminal histories for subcontractors: The law requires each subcontractor 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 subcontractor 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; (2) a felony or misdemeanor offense that would prevent a person from obtaining certification as an educator under Texas Education Code 21.060, including an offense listed at 19 Tex. Admin. Code 249.16; or (3) 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.

Subcontractor has entered into a contract with _____
("Contractor") to provide services in connection with contract between IDEA Public Schools, Inc. ("District") and Contractor. On behalf of _____ ("Subcontractor"), I, the undersigned authorized signatory for Subcontractor, certify to the District and Contractor that [check one]:

None of Subcontractor's employees are *covered employees*, as defined above. If this box is checked, I further certify that Subcontractor has taken precautions or imposed conditions to ensure that its employees will not become *covered employees*. Subcontractor will maintain these precautions or conditions throughout the time the contracted services are provided.

Or

Some or all of Subcontractor's employees are *covered employees*. If this box is checked, I further certify that:

- (1) Subcontractor has obtained all required criminal history record information regarding its covered employees. None of the covered employees has a disqualifying criminal history.
- (2) If Subcontractor receives information that a covered employee subsequently has a reported criminal history, Subcontractor will immediately remove the covered employee from contract duties and notify the District in writing with 3 business days.
- (3) Upon request, Subcontractor will provide the District with the name and any other requested information of covered employees so that the District may obtain criminal history record information on the covered employees.

If the District objects to the assignment of a covered employee on the basis of the covered employee's criminal history record information, Subcontractor agrees to discontinue using that covered employee to provide services at the District.

I also certify to the District and Contractor on behalf of Subcontractor that Subcontractor has obtained certifications from its subcontractors of compliance with Education Code, Chapter 22.

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

Signature

Date

Title: _____