

LESSON PLAN REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

GENERAL STANDARDS

A classroom teacher may be required to prepare “a unit or weekly lesson plan that outlines, in a brief and general manner, the information to be presented during each period at the secondary level or in each subject or topic at the elementary level.” The Paperwork Reduction Act, Tex. Educ. Code Section 11.164(a)(6).

“The phrase, ‘information to be presented,’ is intended to prohibit school districts from requiring lesson plans that contain anything other than an outline, which is brief and general, of the information that a teacher plans to teach during a particular class period and the activities the students will do in order to learn the subject matter.” *Ysleta ISD and Commissioner of Education v. Porter, et al.*, 2015 WL [1735542](#) at *4.

A school district may not require information in a lesson plan “that is neither taught to students nor describes the activities that will be used to teach the subject matter.” *Ysleta ISD and Commissioner of Education v. Porter, et al.*, 2015 WL [1735542](#) at *4.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

FEATURE/ELEMENT	PERMISSIBLE	NOT PERMISSIBLE
Lesson plan template	X	
TEKS or TAKS objectives*	X	
Resources students will use	X	
Assessments		X
Cognitive levels		X
Differentiated Activities/ Modifications		X

*Just referenced, **not** written out

Source: *Ysleta ISD and Commissioner of Education v. Porter, et al.*, __S.W.3d ___, 2015 WL [1735542](#) (Tex. App. – Corpus Christi 2015, no pet.).