

LEANDER ISD

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING

CLAIMS FOR:

- **STUDENT INJURIES**
- **THIRD PARTY INJURIES**
- **PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE/THEFT**

Under the Texas Tort Claims Act, section 101.001 et seq. of the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code, school districts have governmental immunity. The Texas Legislature has shielded school districts from most claims, under the rationale that while unfortunate injuries may occur at school, the best use of public education funds is for educational purposes rather than for litigation and the payment of damages. A school district may be held liable, under state law, for damages arising out of an employee's negligent operation or use of a motor vehicle.

If the reported injuries and/or property damages have not occurred as the result of the negligent use or operation of a vehicle by Leander ISD, there is no district liability. To pay any claim, for which the district has no liability is a gift of public funds which is forbidden by the State Constitution. For this reason the Texas Education Code does not permit school districts to use public resources for individual purposes.

Leander ISD encourages individuals who experience property loss or injury to complete an incident form. LISD uses these reports for safety awareness and prevention purposes.