

Editor's Introduction to School Law Guidebook, 2026 edition

Written in plain English by a teacher and law school graduate, *School Law Guidebook* offers educational professionals a broad legal framework for understanding and responding to questions that arise daily in America's public schools. It provides a one-stop reference to help you understand the current law in such areas as:

- Free speech
- Religion
- Discrimination
- Student safety

This guidebook serves as a resource in determining what steps are appropriate when faced with challenging situations that involve student or teacher rights. You'll also find checklists to help you determine what level of due process and duty of care are required.

Highlights of the 2026 edition include discussion of:

- *O.W. v. Carr*, regarding the search of a student's cell phone (§ 4:9)
- *Nathan v. Alamo Heights Independent School District*, in which the court considered a Texas law requiring public schools to display a copy of the Ten Commandments in classrooms (§ 3:4)
- *N.T. v. Galesburg Community Unit School District No. 205*, addressing IDEA's mandate of student placement in the least restrictive environment (§ 7:8)