



**Stop the Bleed** is a national campaign initiated by the Department of Defense that encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. Because uncontrolled bleeding is a major cause of preventative deaths, this program's goal is to improve survival by controlling severe bleeding. "Working together we can save more lives."

The Texas Education Code (TEC), **§38.030**, as added by **House Bill (HB) 496**, requires the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to approve **bleeding control training programs** for the use of a bleeding control station in the event of a traumatic injury. The bill requires school districts to implement a Traumatic Injury Response Protocol in the event of a traumatic injury involving blood loss, bleeding control kits to be stored in easily accessible areas throughout the district, and training provided to all employees. Additionally, the bill also asks districts to offer optional training to students in grades 7-12 to empower students to take an active role in their medical safety.

#### **Staff Training:**

All OEISD staff are trained on "Stop the Bleed" yearly. They participate in an in-person lecture followed by hands-on training.

#### **Optional Training for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students:**

"Stop the Bleed" training, developed by The American College of Surgeons (ACS), is offered in two parts for students:

- 1) an online or app-based course which is then followed by
- 2) a hands-on course students will take at their school. If your student is interested in completing the training, their first step is to complete the online course at: <https://www.stopthebleed.org/training/online-course>.

After completing the online course, they will receive a completion certificate via email and will need to provide a copy to their principal for transcript purposes. The next step is for the student to turn in the attached parental consent form to their campus nurse in order to complete the hands-on course. Stop the Bleed training is a valuable tool that can be used anywhere severe injuries occur, such as a car crash or even a kitchen accident. Please feel free to contact your campus nurse if you have questions or need more information.

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