



# RUNGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Runge ISD Families,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about updates to district procedures related to restrooms, locker rooms, and changing facilities. These updates are required under **Texas Senate Bill 8 (2025)**, which becomes effective on **December 4, 2025**, and applies to all public schools in Texas.

SB 8 requires that all multi-occupancy restrooms, locker rooms, showers, and similar facilities in publicly owned buildings be designated for use according to a person's **biological sex assigned at birth**. Runge ISD will follow the law while continuing to ensure that every student is treated with dignity, respect, and care.

## What This Means for Students

- Multi-occupancy restrooms and locker rooms will be designated as **Male** or **Female**, as required by state law.
- Each campus will continue to provide at least one **single-occupancy, gender-neutral restroom** for any student who prefers additional privacy.
- Students may request to use a private facility at any time and **do not need to provide personal or medical information** to do so.
- Harassment, bullying, or teasing related to restroom or locker-room use will not be tolerated and will be addressed under the Student Code of Conduct.

## Athletics and Locker Rooms

Runge ISD has also updated procedures for coach access to locker rooms to protect student privacy:

- Coaches will supervise locker rooms according to the **sex of the team**.
- A coach of the opposite sex may enter a locker room **only after all students are fully dressed** or if an emergency requires immediate action.
- Students who prefer a private place to change may request a single-occupancy restroom or a private changing area.

These procedures follow UIL expectations and best practices to protect student safety and privacy.

## Our Commitment

While SB 8 establishes clear legal requirements, our approach continues to reflect Runge ISD's core values:

- **Safety**-ensuring students feel secure in all district facilities
- **Respect**-treating every student with dignity
- **Support**-providing private options when needed
- **Compliance**-following state law while maintaining a positive school climate

If you have questions or would like to discuss privacy accommodations for your child, please contact your campus principal. We are committed to working with families to support all students and uphold a safe, respectful environment.

Thank you for your partnership and trust as we continue **Growing Greatness** in Runge ISD.

Educationally Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hector O. Dominguez, Jr.', with a stylized, flowing script.

Hector O. Dominguez, Jr.  
Superintendent