



Transmittal Memo

TO: TJJJ Staff
FROM: Executive Office, Policy and Standards Section
SUBJECT: GAP Transmittal
DATE: June 18, 2024

Please be advised that changes have been made to the General Administrative Policy (GAP) Manual. These changes will go into effect on **July 1, 2024**.

As a result of a review of our rules in GAP Chapter 385, the following policies are moving into different chapters within the GAP Manual and are changing numbers as shown:

Title	Old Number	New Number	Other Substantive Changes?
<i>Confidentiality</i>	385.8141	05.25	No
<i>Public Information Requests</i>	385.8101	05.27	No
<i>Research Projects</i>	385.8153	05.29	No
<i>Media Access</i>	385.8137	05.31	Yes, see below
<i>Notices to Public and Private Schools</i>	385.8136	05.33	No
<i>Decentralization</i>	385.8163	05.35	No
<i>Private Real Property Rights Affected by Governmental Action</i>	385.8117	05.37	Yes, see below
<i>Notification of a Facility Opening or Relocating</i>	385.8161	05.39	Yes, see below
<i>Transportation of Youth</i>	385.9959	05.41	No
<i>Court-Ordered Child Support</i>	385.9967	09.67	No
<i>Canteen Operations</i>	385.9993	09.69	No

SUMMARY OF SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

GAP.05.31 Media Access

- Deleted that TJJJ supports media contact that serves the interest of public awareness and encourages youth to contribute productively to the community.
- Added that prohibiting the release of records or divulgence of information that identifies individual youth or that is otherwise confidential by law applies regardless of the age of the youth and whether the youth has been discharged from TJJJ.
- Deleted that TJJJ makes a recommendation concerning whether a youth should participate if the news media requests the youth to be interviewed or filmed.
- Clarified that, if a youth wishes to participate in an interview or filming, any agreements are between the youth and the youth's parent or guardian if the youth is under 18 years of age and the news media. TJJJ is not a part of any such agreement.

GAP.05.37 Private Real Property Rights Affected by Governmental Action

- Added that activities related to the following do not affect private real property rights:
 - actions related to TJJJ's regulatory function with juvenile probation departments, juvenile justice facilities, and certified individuals; and
 - any other actions reasonably taken to fulfill an obligation mandated by state or federal law.

GAP.05.39 Notification of a Facility Opening or Relocating

- Clarified that, with regard to sixty-day notices for sites 1,000 feet from designated places, TJJJ will *provide written notice* of the proposed location to the commissioners court *of any county with an unincorporated area that includes all or part of the land within 1,000 feet of the proposed facility.*