



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER EL PASO

Operating Policy and Procedure

HSCEP OP: 01.03, **Custodian of Public Records**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso (TTUHSC El Paso) Operating Policy and Procedure (HSCEP OP) is to define the steps involved for the release of public information and collection of any charges for copies if a request should arise pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act.¹

REVIEW: This HSCEP OP will be reviewed in February of every fourth year by the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel of the Texas Tech University System, with recommendations for revisions forwarded to the President. This HSCEP OP will be reviewed again in 2023.

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

- I. The President has designated the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel for the Texas Tech University System (TTUS) as the Public Information Act Officer for public records for TTUHSC El Paso. The Vice Chancellor and General Counsel is authorized to delegate the duties of the Public Information Act Officer to an attorney(s) within the Office of General Counsel.
- II. Consequently, TTUHSC El Paso follows TTUS Regulation 07.01 regarding the handling of public requests and the assessment of any charges for fulfilling requests. TTUS Regulation 07.01, Public Records:
<http://www.texastech.edu/offices/cfo/system-regulation-07.01-public-records.pdf>
- III. A request for public records should be made in writing and should specify the institution and the records or information sought. E-mailed requests must be sent to publicinfo@ttu.edu to be considered valid.
- IV. If a request is received by a TTUHSC El Paso employee, the TTUHSC El Paso employee shall immediately contact the TTUS Office of General Counsel at (806) 742-2155 or forward the request by email to publicinfo@ttu.edu.
- V. Student education records are not public records and are generally prohibited from disclosure by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

¹ Tex. Govt. Code § 552.001, et seq.