

Unmanned Aerial Systems Teacher Checkout Form

Teachers,

You must read and agree with part 336 of the Federal Aviation Administration's law regarding the use of unmanned aerial systems in Education.

Part 336:

- A person may operate an unmanned aircraft for hobby or recreation in accordance with section 336 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (FMRA)¹ at educational institutions and community-sponsored events² provided that person is (1) not compensated, or (2) any compensation received is neither directly nor incidentally related to that person's operation of the aircraft at such events;
- A student may conduct model aircraft operations in accordance with section 336 of the FMRA in furtherance of his or her aviation-related education at an accredited educational institution.
- Faculty teaching aviation-related courses at accredited educational institutions may assist students who are operating a model aircraft under section 336 and in connection with a course that requires such operations, provided the student maintains operational control of the model aircraft such that the faculty member's manipulation of the model aircraft's controls is incidental and secondary to the student's (e.g., the faculty member steps-in to regain control in the event the student begins to lose control, to terminate the flight, etc.).
- Included would be teacher extra-duty pay and teacher stipend.

Conclusion: Teachers must include drone usage in their lesson plans and can only assist a student if that student needs help flying the drone. A teacher may fly the drone on the weekend or after work as a hobbyist, but not during working hours. A teacher using this drone must register with the FAA and abide by all rules and regulations. The following are some of the most important:

- Fly below 400 feet and remain clear of surrounding obstacles
- Keep the aircraft within visual line of sight at all times
- Remain well clear of and do not interfere with manned aircraft operations
- Don't fly within 5 miles of an airport unless you contact the airport and control tower before flying
- Don't fly near people or stadiums
- Don't fly an aircraft that weighs more than 55 lbs
- Don't be careless or reckless with your unmanned aircraft – you could be fined for endangering people or other aircraft

You must call the airport tower (956) 686-6328 anytime that you are flying within 5 miles of the airport. Identify yourself, let them know that your students are flying via part 336, and give them the address of your campus. The tower will ask for the time that you will be flying and approximate altitude. Keep it below 300ft. You must also let them know when you are done. The only campuses that do not have to call are DeLeon, Fossum, Morris, Perez, Sanchez, Gonzalez, and Rayburn.

I _____ agree to follow all FAA rules and regulations.
Campus: _____
Date: _____ UAS Certificate #: _____

I _____ agree that assigned drone will not be used for personal use and will remain on McAllen ISD property/facility during the school year or summer and not taken to my personal residence.
Campus: _____
Date: _____ UAS Certificate #: _____