



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**TOPIC:** Approval of 2012-2013 Student Code of Conduct

**SUBMITTED BY:** Annette Perez **OF:** Student Relations/Discipline Management

**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:** June 20, 2012

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the UISD Board of Trustees approve the 2012-2013 Student Code of Conduct

**RATIONALE:**

A Student Code of Conduct District Wide Revision Committee composed of administrators, parents, and students met to review and recommend changes to the Student Code of Conduct on April 12, 2012. Also on May 3, 2012, Community Members met to review and recommend changes to the Student Code of Conduct. Chairperson for this Committee: Annette Perez

On June 7, 2012, all recommended changes to the Student Code of Conduct will be presented to the District Educational Improvement Council for their approval.

**BUDGETARY INFORMATION:** 2011-2012 Budget

**BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:** Chapter 37-Texas Education Code

2012-2013  
Student Code of Conduct

**Outline of Most Significant Changes**



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**Uniform:** specifications are as follows:... Permitting  
#2. **Skinny style, cargo pants, carpenter pants, painter pants, and bell bottom pants.**

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**Bullying and Harassment Violations:**

- UISD can transfer a student to another classroom at the campus or another campus.
- A review of **interventions, administrative remedies** as well as their outcome will be taken in consideration.
- **Past student behavior** may be considered
- No transportation
- No appeals for a transfer
- **Additional responsibilities or campus restrictions** may be imposed
- Bullying description includes threats, taunting, teasing, confinement, assault, demands for money, destruction of property, theft of valued possessions, name calling, rumor spreading, and ostracism.
- **Retaliation** is prohibited
- Making a **false claim/statement or refusing to cooperate** with an investigation may result in disciplinary action.

**SECTION III--Managing Student Behavior and Consequences of Inappropriate Conduct**

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**Discipline Management Techniques:**

Added the following Disciplinary Technique to address misbehavior:

# 27. **Other strategies and consequences** as determined by school officials including but not limited to Saturday School, Uniting Families, parenting sessions, ROPES Challenge Course, cleaning tasks, community service-in/out of school, etc.

## SECTION IV – INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT

### LEVEL II- Serious Offenses

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Added the prohibition of

#21. ... making false statements/claims.

#48. ... displaying or **distributing published or electronic material** that is designed to promote or encourage **illegal behavior** or that could threaten student, district personnel, or student **safety**.



### LEVEL III – Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs - Discretionary Placement

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#### Restrictions During Placement:

Students who are placed at STEP Academy shall not ... seek or hold honorary positions and/or membership in school-sponsored clubs and organizations during the term of their placement.

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#23. Added the prohibition of engaging in inappropriate exposure of private body parts including but not limited to breast, buttocks, and genitals.

## **LEVEL IV-Discretionary Expulsion:**

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#11. Added the new Texas Education Code criteria for student expulsions as a result of **Serious Misbehavior during placement** at STEP Academy.

Required documented **behavioral interventions** for the following offenses:

- Deliberate **violent behavior** that threatens the health or safety of others;
- Extortion**;
- Coercion**;

Conduct that constitutes the offense of:

- Public lewdness**;
- Indecent exposure**;
- Criminal mischief**;
- Personal hazing**;
- Harassment**.



## SECTION VI -- INFORMATION and TECHNOLOGY

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- #14. Added the prohibition of electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal, including **cyberbullying and "sexting," either on or off school property**, if the **conduct causes a substantial disruption** to the educational environment.
- #15. Added the prohibition of **using e-mail or Web sites** to engage in or encourage illegal behavior or threaten **school safety**, including off school property if the conduct **causes a substantial disruption** to the educational environment.

## GLOSSARY

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**POSSESSION:** Definition description includes an item on one's person or in one's **personal property; vehicle; telecommunications devices; or school property.**

Added the **SELF-DEFENSE** definition ... the use of **minimal force** against another to the degree a person reasonably believes the force is **immediately necessary** to protect himself or herself **after exhausting administrative remedies.**