



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: August 7, 2017

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Student Code of Conduct

ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S):

Goal #2: The District shall maintain a safe and orderly environment.

Background Information:

The Student Code of Conduct is updated annually to reflect changes in the law and board policy. The Board of Trustees approves the SCOC annually. The SCOC is posted on the District and campus websites after board approval. The summary of the major changes are:

1. The entire document was lightly edited throughout for clarity and to incorporate recent changes that have been made to other board policies through board updates as suggested by TASB and dates were updated.
2. **Unauthorized Persons** – SB 1553 amended Chapter 37 to require the SCOC to include a statement clarifying the authority of a school administrator or district police officer to refuse entry or eject a person from district property for posing a risk of harm or inappropriate behavior.
3. Added under **Mistreatment of Others** a statement concerning the release or threatening to release intimate visual material of a minor without the student's consent.
4. Added under **Discipline Management Techniques** behavior coaching, anger management classes, mediation, classroom circles, family group conferencing.
5. Under **Out-of-School Suspension, Misconduct** added information per HB 674 which amends Chapter 37 regarding requirements for an out-of-school suspension for students below grade 3.
6. Per SB 179, "David's Law", added 3 items concerning bullying under **Misconduct Identified in State Law (DAEP) and Discretionary Expulsion**, bullying and suicide, inciting group violence, and intimate visual material of a minor.
7. **Emergency Placement Procedure** clarifies that a principal or principal designee can order an immediate DAEP or Expulsion placement in accordance with Section 37.019 of the Education Code under certain conditions.

8. **Glossary** changes:

1. Texas Penal Code numbering (46.01 and 28.02) were added to numerous terms.
2. The following definitions were added:
 - a. Breach of Computer Security
 - b. Bullying and Cyberbullying definition was significantly amended per Senate Bill SB 179, "David's Law"
 - c. Improvised explosive device
 - d. Indecent exposure
 - e. Intimate visual material
 - f. Look-alike weapon
 - g. Public lewdness SB 1232
3. Illegal knife is now being called Location-restricted knife throughout the entire document per HB 1935.
4. Prohibited weapon added:
 - a. Improvised explosive device HB 913
 - b. Firearm silencer HB 1819
5. Title 5 felonies added the Texas Penal Code Section Number and the following categories:
 - a. Continuous sexual abuse of a child
 - b. Bestiality SB 1232
 - c. Improper relationship between educator and student
 - d. Sexual coercion HB 1808

Administrative Considerations:

Revisions made were based on TASB Model Student Code of Conduct.

FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal implications

Administrative Recommendation:

Administration recommends approval of the 2017-2018 Student Code of Conduct as presented.