

Student & Parent Handbook
Summary of Changes 2026 - 2027
SOUTHWEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Topic	Summary
Campus List	Updated the campus list to include Juan Alvarado Elementary
Child Abuse	Added a subsection for school staff misconduct and warning signs under the Child Abuse section
Accelerated Reading Instruction	Removed the requirement for students in kindergarten-grade 2 to attend an assigned accelerated reading instruction program under compulsory attendance
College Admission	Added to the criteria list for automatic admission to four-year public universities and colleges that, beginning in the fall of 2028, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will set the required scores on designated college exams
Private Spaces	Added a section on the designation of multiple-occupancy private spaces for use only by individuals of one sex under Private Spaces
Unauthorized Persons	Added allowance for a referee, judge, or other official of an extracurricular athletic activity of a school-sponsored or UIL-sponsored activity to eject a spectator without giving the person a verbal warning and without requiring persistent inappropriate behavior
Student Dress Code	Attached 2026-2027 Dress Code as an appendix
Attendance Car Giveaway	Updated information regarding attendance incentive guidelines. Students will now earn tickets based on the number of days missed during each 6-week attendance cycle rather than an overall attendance percentage.
Child Nutrition	Wording under the Food and Nutrition section amended to include the service of CACFP, At-Risk Supper meal service.
Parent and Family Engagement	Added language on the types of meetings based on parent recommendations and listed the number of spring meetings.
Grievance	Attached grievance policy as an appendix
Parent Rights	Added link to Parental Rights webpage
Possession of Personal Telecommunications Devices	Added smartglasses to list of prohibited use of personal communication devices
Health Services	Updated Minimum Vaccination Requirements
Extracurricular Activities	Updated the UIL and Extracurricular Eligibility Calendar
Assessment	Updated Credit by Exam testing dates and PSAT/SAT/ACT schedule