

2015-2016 Code of Conduct Addendum

1. A statement was added indicating that the Code remains in effect through the summer and until the next version is adopted:

“This Code...remains in effect during summer school and at all school related events and activities outside of the regular school year until an updated version adopted by the board becomes effective for the next school year.” (p. 4)

2. SB 107 creates the position of *Campus Behavior Coordinator* to serve at each campus and “...be responsible for maintaining student discipline and completing designated duties as assigned by law.” The *Campus Behavior Coordinator(s)* at each campus will be identified on each school’s website and will generally be the assistant principal. At the secondary campuses the assistant principals will all serve in this role for their respective grades or alpha designations. The *Campus Behavior Coordinator* title has replaced the more general term of “administrator” throughout the *Code of Conduct*.

3. Under the General Misconduct section, “board member” was added to the list of people specifically protected from gender-based harassment, sexual abuse, and threatening communication:

“Students shall not...engage in conduct that constitutes sexual or gender-based harassment or sexual abuse, whether by word, gesture, or any other conduct, directed toward another person, including a district student, employee, **board member**, or volunteer.” (p. 7)

“Students shall not...use the Internet or other electronic communications to threaten district students, employees, **board members** or volunteers.” (p.9)

4. HB 896 clarifies conduct that constitutes “breach of security.” Under the Texas Penal Code, breach of computer security is a permissible expellable offense if a student accesses a district’s computers, computer system, and computer network and knowingly alters, damages, or deletes district property or information. The district’s *Acceptable Use Policy* refers to “breach of security” is acknowledged by all students and parents annually as part of the *Code of Conduct* review during the registration process. (p. 9, 22, 47)