

GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: November 15, 2022

TITLE: Study of the 24/7 Rule for Interscholastic Athletes

BACKGROUND:

In the October 25, 2022 Board meeting, Board members requested an agenda item be included on November 15th to permit the Governing Board to study the 24/7 rule for interscholastic athletes. This agenda item is provided for that purpose.

The 24/7 rule has consistently been included in the Amphitheater Student Code of Conduct for more than 20 years. It was first included by Superintendent Bob Smith, who served as the Superintendent for Amphitheater Public Schools from 1997-2000, during a time when zero-tolerance discipline philosophies were the national trend for schools. Since then, discipline philosophies have tempered and the District has adapted its discipline philosophies for schools in other respects. However, the zero-tolerance philosophy for the 24/7 rule for interscholastics has not changed since it was first implemented.

As the Governing Board has done with all other changes to the Code of Conduct, Administration recommends that the Governing Board study the 24/7 rule as it currently appears in the Code of Conduct and provide its direction for any revisions that the Board would like to make for next school year. Administration can then spend time between December and March gathering input for the Board, to be presented when the Board studies the Code of Conduct for FY 23-24. Consistent with Board Policy BGB, the Board can study and approve a revised Code of Conduct for next school year (FY 23-24) in April over a two-meeting process.

At the Board meeting, Administration will present Board members with its recommendations regarding the 24/7 Rule. A PowerPoint presentation will be uploaded in the Boardbook prior to the meeting to provide information about this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

No action is required at this time. The purpose of this agenda item is to permit the Governing Board to study the 24/7 rule with a goal of being able to implement any revisions to the rule that may be recommended in the ensuing school year (2023-2024).

INITIATED BY:

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Date: November 10, 2022

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