



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: August 16, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: Consider Approval of 2021-2022 Aledo ISD Student Code of Conduct

PRESENTER: Lynn McKinney, Deputy Superintendent

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Student Code of Conduct (SCOC) is updated and approved annually by the Board of Trustees to reflect changes in the law and board policy. It is based on the TASB Model Student Code of Conduct. The SCOC is posted on the district and campus websites after board approval.

The summary of the changes per the TASB Model Student Code of Conduct for the 2021-2022 school year are:

- Page 7, General Conduct Violations, Property Offenses – added bullet under Students shall not:
Enter, without authorization, district facilities that are not open for operations.
- Page 7, General Conduct Violations, Possession of Prohibited Items – added bullet under Students shall not possess or use:
A firearm silencer or suppressor (HB 957)
- Page 9, General Conduct Violations, Miscellaneous Offenses – reworded sentence under Students shall not:
Engage in academic dishonesty, which includes cheating or copying the work of another student, plagiarism, and unauthorized communication between students during an examination.
- Page 13, Discipline Management Techniques, Appeals: added sentence:
In the instance of a student who is accused of conduct that meets the definition of sexual harassment as defined by Title IX, the district will comply with applicable federal law, including the Title IX formal complaint process. See policies FFH(LEGAL) and (LOCAL).
- Page 16, Removal from the Regular Educational Setting, Returning a Student to the Classroom, reworded sentence:
A student who has been formally removed from class by a teacher for conduct against the teacher containing the elements of assault, aggravated assault, sexual assault, or aggravated sexual assault may not be returned to a teacher's class without the teacher's consent. (removed the words murder, capital murder, or criminal attempt to commit murder or capital murder)
- Page 21, Disciplinary Alternative Education Program Placement, Sexual Assault and Campus Assignments, added term *disabled individual* per HB 375:

The student has been convicted of continuous sexual abuse of a young child or disabled individual or convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication for sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault against another student on the same campus.

- Page 30, Expulsion, Within 300 Feet of School, added term *disabled individual* per HB 375:
Continuous sexual abuse of a young child or disabled individual.
- Page 32, Expulsion, Under the Penal Code, added term *disabled individual* per HB 375:
Continuous sexual abuse of a young child or disabled individual.
- Page 37, Glossary, Controlled substance, added “1-B” in the Penalty Group listing for fentanyl and related substances per SB 768:
Controlled Substance means a substance, including a drug, an adulterant, and a dilutant, listed in Schedules I through V or Penalty Group 1, 1-A, 1-B, 2, 2-A, 3, or 4 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act.
- Page 38, Glossary, E-cigarette, expanded the definition of e-cigarettes in the Health and Safety Code per SB 248:
E-cigarette means an electronic cigarette or any other device that simulates smoking by using a mechanical heating element, battery, or electronic circuit to deliver nicotine or other substances to the individual inhaling from the device or a consumable liquid solution or other material aerosolized or vaporized during the use of an electronic cigarette or other device described by this provision. The term includes any device that is manufactured, distributed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, or e-pipe or under another product name or description and a component, part, or accessory for the device, regardless of whether the component, part, or accessory is sold separately from the device.
- Page 39, Glossary, Firearm, expanded definition of Firearm to include silencer:
Any firearm muffler or firearm silencer, defined as any device for silencing, muffling, or diminishing the report of a portable firearm.
- Glossary, “Firearm silencer” is deleted from the glossary as HB 957 repeals the definition of firearm silencer in Penal Code 46.01 (4).
- Page 39, Glossary, Harassment includes: added bullet per SB 530 which expands the offense of harassment under Penal Code 42.07:
e. Publishing on an internet website, including a social media platform, repeated electronic communications in a manner reasonable likely to cause emotional distress, abuse, or torment to another person, unless the communications are made in connection with a matter of public concern, as defined by law.
- Glossary, Prohibited weapon, “#7 A firearm silencer” was deleted from the glossary as HB 957 removes a firearm silencer from the list of prohibited weapons in Penal Code 46.05.
- Page 43, Glossary, Title 5 felonies, added bullet per HB 375:
Continuous sexual abuse of a young child or disabled individual under Section 21.02

In addition, the following additions were made by Aledo ISD:

- Page 6, Mistreatment of Others, added bullet to the Students Shall Not list:
Use offensive language, including, but not limited to, the use of slurs or derogatory language related to race, sex, gender, disability and religious beliefs

FISCAL INFORMATION:

None

ATTACHMENT:

Draft 2021-2022 Student Code of Conduct

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends the Board approve the 2021-2022 Aledo ISD Student Code of Conduct as presented.