



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: June 20, 2016

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:

- Added a statement to the process for assigning a student to **Out-of-School Suspension** (pg. 15), **DAEP** (pg. 16), **Sexual Assault/Campus Assignments** (pg. 18), **Expulsion** (pg. 27), **Expulsion Order** (pg. 31) that reads that in making the decision as the disciplinary action is determined that the campus behavior coordinator would consider,
“4. A disability that substantially impairs a student’s capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student’s conduct.”
- For DAEP placements, **Exceeds One Year**, the wording that the campus behavior coordinator could extend DAEP placement beyond one year if it was in the best interest of the student was removed (pg. 20).
- **Discretionary Expulsion** added the following items:
 1. *Selling, giving, or delivering to another person, or possessing using, or being under the influence of marijuana, a controlled substance, or a dangerous drug, if the conduct is not punishable as a felony. A student with a valid prescription for low-THC cannabis as authorized by Chapter 487 of the Health and Safety Code does not violate this provision* (pg. 27)
 2. *Selling, giving, or delivering to another person, or possessing, using or being under the influence of alcohol; or committing a serious act or offense while under the influence of alcohol, if the conduct is not punishable as a felony.* (pg. 28)
 3. *Engaging in conduct that contains the elements of an offense relating to abusable volatile chemicals.* (pg. 28)
- Under **Expulsion** reworded and added the following bullets:
 1. *Carrying on or about the student’s person a handgun, an illegal knife, or a club, as these terms are defined by state law.* (pg. 28)
 2. *Possessing, manufacturing, transporting, repairing, or selling a prohibited weapon, as defined by state law.* (pg. 28)
 3. *Possession of a firearm, as defined by federal law.* (pg. 28)
- Under **Mandatory Expulsion** the following changes were made:

1. Reworded **Under Federal Law** paragraph and added *Note* paragraph (pg. 29)
 2. Under the **Texas Penal Code** reworded the first bullet to “*on or about the student’s person*” (pg. 29)
 3. Moved expanded and specific definitions for illegal knife and club to the glossary (pg. 29)
 4. Added the bullet, *Possessing, Manufacturing, transporting, repairing, or selling a prohibited weapon as defined in state law.* (pg. 29)
- Glossary changes:
 1. **Firearm** was reworded, expanded, and made very specific.(pg. 37)
 2. **Handgun** is a new definition being provided (pg. 37)
 3. **Illegal knife** is a new definition being provided (pg. 38)
 4. **Prohibited weapon** is a new definition being provided (pg. 38)
 - 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.
 - All school year dates were updated.

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 2016-2017 Student Code of Conduct as presented.