

SOUTHWEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Student Code of Conduct
Summary of Changes
2025 - 2026

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Discipline Considerations and Techniques	Includes techniques or interventions that would meet the definition of an aversive technique
General Types of Prohibited Conduct	<p>Using AI in any way that harms other students, disrupts school operations or otherwise violates provisions of this code of conduct or the District’s Acceptable Use Policy</p> <p>Using AI of any kind on any school assignment or assessment explicitly authorized by the instructor of the class</p>
Personal Communication Devices	<p>TEC 37.082 [HB 1481] - New legislation prohibits the use of personal wireless communication devices by students during the school day in all Texas public schools. The bill requires that school boards adopt policies to enforce this prohibition and requires the designation of a secure, out-of-sight area within classrooms for the storage of these devices during instructional hours or requires students to leave these devices in their lockers or backpacks. The legislation includes specific exemptions for students with medical needs or education accommodations. Districts still have discretion regarding cell phones and other electronic communications devices with regard to whether these restrictions apply only during the school day or also at school-related activities:</p> <p>Using, displaying, or having in operational mode a cellular telephone or personal communications device (see definitions) at school during the school day, including using a cellular telephone to film other students and/or District employees.</p>
Removal by Teacher	<p>HB 6</p> <p>A teacher may remove a student from class when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student repeatedly interferes with the teacher’s communication or student learning • The student demonstrates behavior that is unruly, disruptive or abusive toward the teacher, another adult, or another student • The student engages in conduct that constitutes bullying as defined by law <p>A teacher may remove a student from class based on a single incident of behavior described above. A teacher may document any conduct by a student that does not conform to the Student Code of Conduct and may submit that documentation to the principal. A teacher must remove a student from class if the student engages in conduct that requires or permits DAEP placement or expulsion under the Texas Education Code, in which case the procedures for DAEP placement or expulsion will apply.</p>
Disciplinary Changes for Nicotine Delivery Devices	<p>No more mandatory DAEP placement for possession or use of nicotine</p> <p>First time offense is either a discretionary DAEP placement or ISS for 10 days</p>
In-School Suspension	<p>No time limit for ISS placements - used to be maximum 3 days, however, placement has to be reviewed every 10 days and student must receive comparable instruction, behavioral supports. If student is a special education student, they must continue to receive services as stated in their IEP.</p>

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Parental Involvement Discipline	The District has opted not to adopt a policy providing for parental involvement in school disciplinary placements.
Out-of-School Suspensions	A student who is in second grade or younger or designated as homeless cannot receive an out-of-school suspension unless, while at school or at a school-sponsored activity, the student engages in conduct that contains the elements of an offense related to weapons, engages in conduct that threatens the immediate health and safety of other students in the classroom, engages in documented conduct that results in repeated or significant disruption to the classroom, or engages in selling, giving, or delivering to another person or possessing, using, or being under the influence of marijuana or a controlled substance, a dangerous drug, or an alcoholic beverage.
Parental Documentation for Reassignment to ISS	Upon receiving a written request from a student's parent or guardian, the principal or other appropriate administrator may, at his or her sole discretion, reassign a student placed in out-of-school suspension to ISS if the student's parent or guardian demonstrates through supporting information and documentation that they are unable to provide suitable supervision for the student during school hours during the period of the suspension. If the administrator decides on ISS instead, the alternative placement may be used only in extenuating circumstances and may not be used as a routine replacement for out-of-school suspension. The school district shall maintain documentation of each such reassignment, including the parent's request, the reason for the parent's unavailability, and all supporting information and documentation.
Mandatory DAEP	<p>A student must be placed in DAEP if the student engages in the following misconduct, regardless of whether the conduct occurred on or off campus:</p> <p>Issues a false alarm or report (see definitions) or a terroristic threat (see definitions) involving a public school.</p> <p>Engages in the criminal offense of harassment as defined by law (see definitions) against any school employee or volunteer.</p> <p>Engages in the criminal offense of retaliation as defined by law (see definitions) against any school employee or volunteer.</p> <p>Is a registered sex offender (see definitions) under court supervision, probation, community supervision, or parole.</p> <p>Engages in conduct that contains the elements of the offense of harassment under specific provisions of the Texas Penal Code (see definitions), against an employee of the school district.</p>

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Discretionary DAEP	<p>A student may be placed in DAEP :</p> <p>Engaging in conduct that contains the elements of the offense of disruption of classes as defined by law (see definitions) unless the student is younger than 12 years of age at the time of the offense.</p> <p>Possessing or using an e-cigarette for a first time offense</p>
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DAEP issues/Impact on Graduation	For graduating seniors who are in DAEP during the last week of school, the DAEP placement will continue through the last instructional day. The student will be allowed to participate in commencement exercises unless otherwise specified in the DAEP placement order
Expulsions	<p>Engages in conduct that contains the elements of assault under Section 22.01(a)(1), Penal Code (see definitions), against a school district employee or volunteer.</p> <p>Possesses or uses a location restricted knife, on or about his person.</p> <p>A student may be expelled if the student engages in Title 5 felonies, regardless of whether the conduct occurred on or off campus:</p>
Virtual Expulsion Program	<p>The principal or other appropriate administrator may place a student who has been expelled under Texas Education Code, Sections 37.007 or 37.0081 into a virtual expulsion program established by the district and provide virtual instruction and instructional materials for remote learning to the student only if:</p> <p>(1) the school district is located in a county that operates a JJAEP program or the school district contracts with the juvenile board of another county for the provision of a JJAEP, and the JJAEP rejects admission of the student or returns the student before the expiration of the discipline assignment; or</p> <p>If the principal or other appropriate administrator places a student in a virtual expulsion program under this section, the District shall ensure that the student has suitable computer equipment and Internet access and provide the computer equipment and Internet access if necessary</p>