

Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function Board of Education Meeting: 6/24/2026

Item Title: 2026-2027 BISD Student Code of Conduct Action Information Discussion

BACKGROUND:

The Student Code of Conduct Handbook is reviewed and revised annually to communicate to students, parents, staff members and the community, the outlined student disciplinary rules, standards of behavior, discipline procedures and consequences for misconduct.

Attached is a draft copy of the proposed changes to the 2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct Handbook. The Board is being provided with an outline of proposed changes to the 2026-2027 Handbook, which have been highlighted in yellow. The changes to the Student Code of Conduct Handbook beginning section (I-XXI pages) are a result of Department Director input. The final copy of the 2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct Handbook sent for printing will include any and all additional policies, administrative regulations, and procedures duly adopted by the Board.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

A total of \$5,000.00 has been budgeted from local funding for printing by the Department of Pupil Services.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval to adopt the Student Code of Conduct for the 2026-2027 school year.


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Submitted by: Principal/Program Director

Dr. Nellie Cantu

Recommended by: Asst. Supt./Exec. Dir. *6/9/2026*

Dr. Nellie Cantu

Approved by: Chief Officer *6/9/2026*

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:


Dr. Alda T. Benavides, Interim Superintendent

2026 -2027 Student Code Of Conduct (Updates)

Section	BISD Authority and Jurisdiction:	
Pg. XV	School Bus Behavior - additions to section	BISD Transportation Department Change
Pg. XVII	Technology - additions to section	BISD Technology Department Change

**BISD Police and Security Services Types of Offenses and General Consequences
(Student Behavior)**

A. Felonies (#1 Highest- #5 Lowest)	Possible Consequences
1. Title V Felony *	45 school days at BAC or 180 school days at JJAEP
2. First Degree Felony	45 school days at BAC or 180 school days at JJAEP
3. Second Degree Felony	45 school days at BAC or 180 school days at JJAEP
4. Third Degree Felony *	45 school days at BAC or 180 school days at JJAEP
5. State Jail Felony *	45 school days at BAC or 180 school days at JJAEP

***NOTE: Consequence may vary depending on actual charge.**

B. Misdemeanors (#1 Highest - #3 Lowest)	Possible Consequences
1. Class A Misdemeanor	45 School Days at BAC
2. Class B Misdemeanor * Class C (Drugs or Alcohol)	30 to 45 School Days at BAC* 45 School Days at BAC
3. Class C Misdemeanor (other than Drugs or Alcohol)	30 School Days at BAC

***NOTE: Consequence may vary depending on actual charge.**

DISCIPLINE AND BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

Criminal Trespass

Any person who enters or remains on District property or in a District building without the consent of the District's representative, or any person, who remains on District property or within a District building after having received oral or written notice from a District representative to depart, shall be subject to prosecution for criminal trespass in accordance with Section 30.05 of the Texas Penal Code.

In compliance with Section 30.05 of the Texas Penal Code, notice is hereby given that no person shall be authorized to be on BISD premises after 10:00 p.m. or before 6:00 a.m. unless such authority as stated above has been given.

Gangs and Gang Affiliations

A student may be placed in a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program if the student is participating in gang activity, including participating as a member or pledge, or soliciting another person to become a pledge or member of a gang on school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property. Any students participating in a public-school fraternity, sorority or secret society as a member or pledge, or solicits another person to become a pledge or member of a public-school fraternity, sorority or secret society may be placed in a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP).

SCHOOL BUS BEHAVIOR - (DUE PROCESS IS AT THE CAMPUS LEVEL)

The bus driver in order to maintain discipline on the school bus has the authority to write discipline referrals. Misconduct is reported to the campus administration in coordination with the Administrator for Transportation or designee. As a team, they will take the appropriate disciplinary action including placement in a DAEP if the infraction is an expellable offense. Placement of students with disabilities is subject to the procedure set forth in education code §37.004.

Riding the school bus is a privilege and considered an extension of the classroom. Students who do not behave themselves properly may lose the privilege of riding the bus. Students may ride only on their assigned bus, unless authorized in writing by the school administration to do otherwise. Violators will lose bus privileges for the remainder of the school year. Students are expected to follow these safety rules and all BISD Code of Conduct rules whether riding the bus to and from school or on a field trip. **Parents need to contact the school administration to report any incident or problem that may have occurred on the bus.**

1. Parents are responsible for students at their designated individual bus stops assigned by the transportation department during the morning and afternoon routes. **Students from K to 3rd grade and students with special needs are highly encouraged to have a parent, guardian or designated adult at the bus stop.**
2. Students must follow the driver's directions at all times.
3. **When the school bus is equipped with seat belts, student must buckle up.**
4. **Students should be at their bus stop ten minutes before pick up. The bus driver will not wait for those who are late.**
5. Student must present or scan student identification/school ID and/or Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) card upon request when boarding and deboarding the school bus.

The District has taken appropriate action to block inappropriate sites; however, no software can be fully effective. Access to the Internet is given as a privilege to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Students are responsible for good behavior on the Internet just as they are in a school building. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators/teachers may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files would always be private. The following are not permitted during on-line usage:

1. Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures, or video;
2. Creating, accessing, or processing obscene or threatening language or harassing, insulting, or discriminatory remarks;
3. Damaging or injecting viruses into computers, computer systems, or computer networks;
4. Violating copyright laws, including illegal installation of copyrighted software for use on District computers;
5. Using another person's password.
6. Trespassing, deleting, examining, copying, or modifying files, data, or work belonging to others without their prior consent;
7. Intentionally wasting limited resources, including the use of "chain letters" and messages broadcast to mailing lists or individuals; Employing the network for commercial purposes or private business; and
8. Revealing the personal address, Social Security number, account number(s), or phone number of yourself or any other person without written permission from the teacher.
10. Using proxies to bypass BISD's internet filtering system.
11. Using a Virtual Private Network (VPN) to bypass the BISD's internet filtering system.
12. Willfully and knowingly manipulate and/or hack into BISD's network system.

Violations may result in suspension or revocation of on-line access as well as other student disciplinary or legal action.

Brownsville Independent School District Issued Mobile Devices.

Students are responsible for the general care of the mobile device that has been issued to them by their home school. Mobile Devices that are broken or fail to work properly must be taken to the home campus for an evaluation of the device.

1. General Precautions

- a. Follow the Mobile Device and Brownsville Independent School District Acceptable Use Agreements.
- b. Students must keep the device and its case free of damage, while not in use.
- c. Secure the Mobile Device at all times. Never leave the Mobile Device in an area that is unsupervised or unlocked.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Student who choose to bring their own devices to school will adhere to the BISD **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** Administrative Procedures as stated below:

- 1) "Definition of "Device"- For purpose of BYOD, "Device" means a privately-owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand-held equipment that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable internet devices, etc.
- 2) Internet- Only the internet gateway provided by the school may be accessed while on campus. Personal internet connective devices such as but not limited to cell phones / cell network adapters are not permitted to be used to access outside internet sources at any time.
- 3) Security and Damages - Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. BISD is not liable for any device stolen or damaged while on campus. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches are used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for devices are encouraged.

B.Y.O.D. Student Agreement

The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity but a privilege. A student does not have the right to use his or her laptop, cell phone or other electronic device while at school. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole.

Students and parents/guardians participating in B.Y.O.D. must adhere to the BISD Student Code of Conduct, as well as all Board policies and Administrative Procedures.

Additionally, technology devices:

- Students must adhere to campus guidelines regarding the use of personal communication devices, in accordance with Texas House Bill 1481.
- Student takes full responsibility for his or her school district issued device and keep it with himself or herself at all times. The school is not responsible for the security of the school district issued device.
- BISD and Computer Services personnel cannot attempt to troubleshoot, repair, correct, or be responsible for malfunctioning personal hardware or software.
- Must be turned off while on school campus unless the teacher, or other designated adult, allows the student to use the device for educational purposes.
- May not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls