

MEETING DATE: August 19, 2013

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Student Code of Conduct

ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S):

Goal #2: Promote a safe, orderly and threat-free school climate.

Background Information:

The Student Code of Conduct is updated annually to reflect changes in the law and board policy. The summary of the major changes are:

- Modifications to reflect changes in Texas Penal Code (Example HB 1862 amends the Penal Code by removing switchblade knives from the list of prohibited weapons in the Class A misdemeanor category.)
- Changed wording throughout the document from "school bus" to "all vehicles owned or operated by the district" (HB 1114 and 1541 amended the Education Code) which expands the lists of places from which students can be removed due to misbehavior.
- Added electronic cigarettes to tobacco products and technology and electronic resources to school property list.
- Added assault definitions to Misconduct Identified in State Law section.
- 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 2013-2014 Student Code of Conduct as presented.