

## Bastrop ISD Board Agenda August 19, 2025

Item #4-B

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct

**PRESENTOR:** Dr. Janel Morris, Director of Student Services

**LENGTH OF PRESENTATION:** 10 minutes

In the Student Code of Conduct, the following changes were made from 2024-2025:

- Language was updated on page 8, as a result of 89th Legislative Session rulings, to prohibit use of personal communication devices (cell phones, smart watches, etc.) on campus during the instructional day without an approved medical exemption.
- Language was updated on page 21, as a result of 89th Legislative Session rulings, to reflect that a teacher may initiate a formal removal of a student from class based on a single incident of behavior that is unruly, disruptive, or abusive toward the teacher, another adult, or another student in the classroom; or for engaging in conduct that constitutes bullying, as defined by Education Code 37.0832.0.
- Language was updated on page 23, as a result of 89th Legislative Session rulings, to reflect changes from in-school suspension (ISS) previously being limited to 3 days. Students may now be assigned up to 10 days ISS per offense, and the ISS may be extended upon principal review, at least once per 10 days, with no limitation.
- Language was updated on page 24, as a result of 89th Legislative Session rulings, to permit the assignment of out-of-school suspension (OSS) to students in Grades PK-2, or students who qualify as McKinney-Vento, for significant disruption to the classroom.
- Language was updated on page 36, as a result of 89th Legislative Session rulings, to reflect that a student may be expelled for engaging in conduct relating to a false alarm or report (including a bomb threat) or a terroristic threat involving a public school; or for committing a Title 5 felony off-campus, even if the felony is not committed on or within 300 ft. of district property, and whether or not the felony is committed at a school-sponsored event or activity.

**RECOMMENDATION:** I recommend the Board approve the adoption of the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct as presented.