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2021-22 Family and Student Handbook
Annual Update Summary

Family and Student Handbook Committee:

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Focus of our work:

- Promote shared beliefs on learning and community that guide discipline policy and practice
- Help the reader navigate the tool and get help when they need it
- Clearly define common behavior concerns, to promote shared understanding and language
- Outline procedures for responding to harm that occurs in the community in a restorative and supportive manner

Major Revisions:

- Updated *Philosophy of Learning, ISD 709 Community Visions and Priorities* language; addition of *Our Beliefs About and Commitments to Equity*
- Updated administrative personnel and department structures: names, photos and contact information
- Educational Programming/Curriculum
 - Removal of the NC (No Credit) progress reporting option
 - Addition of E-Squared (formerly Gifted and Talented) program description
- Support Services
 - Addition of American Indian Education and Office of Education Equity program descriptions
- Standards of Conduct
 - Updated *Standards of Conduct* descriptor language
 - Reformatting of discipline grid to differentiate behavior levels by incident severity
 - Replacement of “offense” language to read “incident”
 - Attorney recommended revisions to disciplinary action related to Sexual Assault and Disruptive/ Disorderly Conduct and Insubordination
- Updated School Board policies and regulations
- Reorganization of contents for better flow, clarity of purpose and alignment to equity framework