



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

TOPIC: Proposed Changes to the 2012-2013 Student Handbook (Bus Rider Handbook & Technology Use Guide)

SUBMITTED BY: Annette Perez OF: Student Relations/Discipline Management

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: June 20, 2012

The Student Handbook (Bus Rider Handbook & Technology Use Guide) were reviewed by individual department directors and coordinators. Recommended changes were submitted to Annette Perez.

On April 12, 2012, a District Wide Revision Committee composed of administrators, parents, and students met to review and recommended changes to the Student Handbook (Bus Rider Handbook & Technology Use Guide).
Chairperson for this Committee: Annette Perez

**2012 – 2013
STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Outline of Most Significant Changes

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Requesting Transfers for Your Child:

- A child who remains in **good academic, attendance and disciplinary standing** shall be allowed to transfer to the feeder school.

Source: Peter Arredondo- Program Coordinator
Attendance, Admissions & Dropout Recovery

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Child Find and Section 504: contact: Emma Leza

Source: Emma Leza – Executive Director
- Accountability

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Attendance for Credit:

>=75% but <90% must complete the **principal's plan**

<75% or has not completed the principal's plan, then the student will be referred to the **attendance review committee** to determine whether there are extenuating circumstances for the absences and how the student can regain credit.

If a student is involved in a **criminal or juvenile court proceeding**, the **approval of the judge** presiding over the case **will also be required before the student receives credit** for the class.

Source: Joe Almazan, Director –
Admissions, Attendance & Dropout
Recovery

Cafeteria Services

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- Meals must comply with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the regulations from the **Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010**.
- Students may select all five food components, but at a **minimum** must choose **three for a meal to be considered reimbursable**.

Class Rank / Top Ten Percent / Highest Ranking Student:

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- **MOVED Valedictorian/salutatorian speech** to “Graduation Activities:” section and limited the violation to the semester immediately preceding graduation.

Graduation Activities:

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- The district has the right to **limit a student’s participation in graduation activities for violating the district’s Code**. Participation might include a speaking role, as established by district policy and procedures.
- **No** student shall be eligible to have a **speaking role** if he or she engaged in any misconduct resulting in an **out-of-school suspension, removal to a DAEP, or expulsion during the semester immediately preceding graduation**.

Class Rank / Top Ten Percent / Highest Ranking Student:

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College Coursework / Dual Credit Courses:

- #5. recorded on **transcript and computed in the GPA** and earn a weight of five points. The grade is **also** computed in the college/university GPA and appears on their **college/university transcript**.
- **Seniors** must be enrolled in a minimum of **two-three** courses per semester.
- **Juniors** must be enrolled in **3 4** classes.

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• ~~Final Examinations Exemptions:~~ REMOVED

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Re-teach and Reassess for Mastery:

- should be afforded the **opportunity to retest** on a summative test, examination, and/or project after complying with teacher provided reteaching/interventions.
- **reasonable efforts** to complete assignments
- **extenuating circumstances**
- The teacher shall determine **additional re-teaching, independent practice** or other assignments before retesting.
- retest **within five (5) days** except under extenuating circumstances
- **Highest score possible** is a seventy **(70)**.
- **may not be retested more than once**

Source: District wide Committee recommendation
Roylin Wilson, Executive Director – Secondary Education
Cynthia Rodriguez – Executive Director – Elementary Education

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Weighted Grading System: REMOVED

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Graduation Programs: *DAP & Recommended Program*

- Include **College Readiness**/9-week course/**EOC/TAKS Intervention**

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Graduation Credits Earned in Middle School: REMOVED

Source: Roylin Wilson, Executive Director – Secondary Education
Cristy Uribe-Flores, Director – Guidance and Counseling

All recommended changes by the **District Educational Improvement Council** and any state mandated **Legislative changes** to the Student Code of Conduct **will be presented to the School Board of Trustees** for final approval at the June 20, 2012 Regular Board meeting.