



# SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: August 22, 2017

Purpose: ☐ Report Only ☐ Recognition ☒ Discussion/ Possible Action

From: Michael Balderrama, Executive Director of School and Community Partnerships

Item Title: 2017-18 Student Code of Conduct for South San Antonio ISD

### Description:

Consent: In accordance with Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code, a local education agency should establish a Student Code of Conduct that provides methods and options for managing students in the classroom and on school grounds, disciplining students, and preventing and intervening in student discipline problems.

According to FO (Local), revisions to the Student Code of Conduct approved by the Board during the year shall be made promptly to students, parents, teachers, administrators, and others.

### Recommendation:

Approve changes to the 2017-18 Student Code of Conduct for South San Antonio ISD.

### District Goal/Strategy:

Strategy 6 We will promote and ensure a safe and secure learning environment for all students.

Funding Budget Code and Amount:

CFO Approval

APPROVED BY:

SIGNATURE

DATE

Chief Officer:

Superintendent:

  
8-9-17

# **Preface to the Student Code of Conduct**

## **South San Antonio ISD Dress Code**

*The general provision of the Student Dress Code applies to all students. Students who attend the school must abide by the general provisions of the Student Dress Code.*

### **Requirements:**

- *All students must be clean and well groomed at all times;*
- *Undergarments should not be visible;*
- *Eyes should be visible at all times;*
- *Shorts, skirts or skorts must not be shorter than four (4) inches above the top of the kneecap and should not create a distraction; they should be appropriately sized and properly secured at the waist;*
- *No visible cleavage;*
- *Shirts and blouses must be appropriately sized and should not be revealing. Shirts and blouses must not expose bare backs or cleavage.*
- *ID Badges must be worn on a lanyard and visible at all times. Secondary schools only.*

### **Prohibited Items:**

- *Any clothing, grooming, or accessories that may reasonably be expected to cause distraction of, or interference with, school operations;*
- *Any clothing, grooming, or accessories that may reasonably be expected to cause physical harm to the wearer or to third parties;*
- *Any clothing, grooming, or accessories that are worn for the purpose of showing membership or affiliation to a gang;*
- *Any pictures, emblems, or writing on clothing or accessories that represents or depicts:*
  1. *Lewd, offensive, vulgar or obscene messages;*
  2. *Tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance;*
  3. *The occult, death, suicide, violence, or gang membership;*

### **Accessories not permitted:**

- *Bandannas, rags, or gloves;*
- *Sunglasses worn unless medically prescribed;*
- *Headgear for students unless medically prescribed and/or religiously affiliated;*
- *Prescriptive/non-prescriptive eccentric contact lenses;*

### **Clothing not permitted:**

- *See-through garments of any kind;*
- *Oversized, sagging clothes or trench coats;*
- *Muscle shirts, tube tops, halter tops, spaghetti strap blouses, swimsuits, or any other garments that expose the midriff, chest, or back, including shirts that show the navel (belly button);*
- *Pants that sag below the waistline;*

- *Pants or Shorts NOT secured at the waist (sag below the waistline)*
- *Wind shorts, short shorts, bicycling shorts spandex type shorts or PE/athletic shorts that do not adhere to the 4 inch rule*
- *Pajama top/ bottoms (unless designated as a spirit day)*
- *See-through pants*

#### **Hair and hair styles not permitted:**

- *Unconventional colored (i.e. blue, green, bright red, pink, purple, yellow, orange, or any other non-human color), multi-colored, spiked, or Mohawk hair styles;*
- *Designs or etching in the hair or eyebrows;*
- *Mustaches, beards, or goatees in elementary or middle school levels. Beards are allowed at the high school level (neatly trimmed);*

*Acceptability of facial hair will be determined by the high school administration.*

#### **Footwear not permitted:**

- *Including but not limited to:*
  1. *Footwear which has toes reinforced with steel or hard plastics (or similar materials);*
  2. *Wheeled footwear;*
  3. *Shower shoes, house shoes/slippers, water-socks, flip flops, slides;*
  4. *Stilettos, or high heels in excess of 1 ½ inches;*

*NOTE: Footwear must be worn at all times. No bare feet.*

#### **Body Piercing/Jewelry not permitted:**

- *Excessive jewelry/Rosaries may not be worn as jewelry;*
- *Chains worn as an accessory;*
- *Pointed or spiked earrings on the ear;*
- *Grills or temporary decorations on teeth are prohibited;*
- *Boys are not allowed to wear earrings in elementary school;*

*Every other form of visible body piercing jewelry that poses a danger or threat is prohibited. This may include but is not limited to piercings on the face, arm, or tongue. Piercings or earrings are to be worn on the earlobe only and will be of a length that will not present a safety hazard. Temporary coverings such as band aids may not be used to avoid the rules and consequences with regards to piercings.*

**Tattoos:**

- *Tattoos deemed offensive and/or gang related by the administration will not be allowed;*

*Final determination in regards to tattoos at the high school will rests with the campus administration.*

*A basic rule to remember is that student dress and grooming should not be suggestive, indecent, and/or so unusual as to detract from the classroom environment.*

*The final determination of acceptable dress rests with Campus Administration and is at the discretion of the Campus Principal.*