

# **Student-Parent Handbook**

## **Secondary**

### **Summary of Changes**

#### **2025-2026**

- SB 12 requires the district to make instructional materials and study plans available for parent review and for students to use at home through a parent portal hosted by the District. Added a paragraph to the section “Parent Review of Instructional Materials and Plan” where teachers are required to provide a copy of their instructional plan or course syllabus for each class to parents of each student enrolled in that class.
- HB 37 requires the district to adopt a form for physician certification that a student's absence is due to a severe or life-threatening illness. Added a sentence to inform that the school district must make it available to parents through their child’s school.
- SB 12 added Education Code chapter 26A, which requires a board to adopt a policy for addressing a grievance. It also requires the district to give access to parents to a grievance form and give information on how to submit it electronically. Changes in the wording were made to the section “Complaints and Concerns” and added a paragraph to conduct hearings in accordance with timelines established by law.
- In accordance with Title IX rules currently in effect: replaced the word “Gender” with “Sex”, and eliminated two paragraphs that define what gender-based harassment includes and how it can occur.
- SB 569 repealed the Texas School Virtual Network. Students can enroll in any virtual or hybrid course offered by the district or another district. Changed the section title “TXVSN” to “Virtual and Hybrid Instruction” and deleted a paragraph under “Distance Learning”.
- Changes were made to the Dress and Grooming Section in regards to the length of shorts, dresses and tights. Leggings, yoga pants are permitted with a top that is not cropped or shortened. No holes above the fingertips are allowed in pants/jeans. No exposed skin above the fingertips or 5 inches above the knee. Added “beanies” to headwear, and girls may wear more than 2 earrings.
- HB 1481 prohibits the use of personal communication devices (cell phones, tablets, smartwatches) by students while on school property during the school day. Added language that warns parents that consequences will follow the Student Code of Conduct.
- SB 12 requires written parental consent before a student may participate in a student club that is authorized by the district. Added a paragraph to the Extracurricular paragraph titled “Parental Consent” to reflect this change.

- Added a paragraph under Health-Related Services from SB 12 that requires the school district to provide written notice of each health-related service offered at our schools and the right to decline this service.
- Added two paragraphs from SB 12 under “Parental Rights and Options” stating the right of parents to direct moral and religious training of their child and make educational decisions without interference from governmental entities including a school district.
- Added provision from SB 12 of at least two opportunities for in-person conferences during the school year with the child’s teachers under the “Working Together” section
- Added the section from HB 121 requiring districts to provide information to parents of all enrolled students at least three times each school year about safe storage of firearms including ways parents can prevent children from accessing them.
- Per SB 13, added a paragraph explaining where parents may submit to the district a list of library materials that their child may not be allowed to check out. Districts are also required to provide parents a record of each time their child checks out library material. A parent may also submit a written challenge to the inclusion of any library material.
- All iPad charges will stay the same, except for adding a charge for intentional damage of an iPad Case. The established fees will not change, but an additional line of "Intentional damage to iPad case" needs to be added with a fee of \$100. The iPads at the secondary level use more expensive cases, and as they are damaged intentionally they need to be replaced at their cost.