

Student Handbooks, Code of Conduct and Standardized Dress Code Board Update

The principals, assistant principals and I have had several meetings so far this year to discuss the student handbooks, student code of conduct and student standardized dress code. Before these items are submitted to the board for review in June, we will conform the handbooks and code of conduct to the format and content suggested by the Texas Association of School Boards. At one time these BISD items did conform to that format and content, but items have been added and deleted over time and revisions are needed.

With regard to the standardized dress code for students, much discussion has been held. However, overall the principals and assistant principals are in agreement that the standardized dress code continues to serve its purpose of helping students stay focused on academics and reducing discipline referrals overall.

The high school has expressed concern over the amount of time that is spent each day on enforcing the part of the dress code that requires shirt tails to be tucked in. The high school administrative staff reports that the majority of their day is spent on problems related to this one issue. Students who continue to disobey this portion of the dress code are found to be persistently misbehaving and can end up in detention, ISS or even DAEP for repeated violations. **For this reason the high school would like to have leniency on this issue alone for school year 2007-2008 and not have to ask students to tuck in their shirts.** If problems arise, they would like to reserve the right to reinstate this portion of the dress code.

As we continue to work on the student handbooks, code of conduct and standardized dress code, reports will be made. This one issue with the dress code was deemed important enough to include in a board update at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
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