

Student Code of Conduct Amendments

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Legislative bills from the 89th Legislative Session that affect the Student Code of Conduct:

HB 6 amends the mandatory placement requirement in a DAEP for offenses related to e-cigarettes. An administrator may place a student in a disciplinary alternative education program for the first time offense of possession or use of a nicotine delivery product or e-cigarette. If a student who possesses or uses an e-cigarette is not placed in a disciplinary alternative education program for the first time under Education Code 37.008, the student shall be placed in in-school suspension for a period of at least 10 school days. (Pg. 12 Student Code of Conduct).

HB 6 provides that there is no limit on the number of days a student may be assigned to ISS. However, the principal or other appropriate administrator must review the ISS assignment at least once every 10 school days to determine the educational progress of the child and whether continued assignment to ISS is appropriate. If they determine it is appropriate, they must document that decision. (pg. 17-18 Student Code of Conduct)

HB 6 The district shall not use out-of-school suspension for students below grade 3 **unless** the conduct meets the requirements established in law. A student below grade 3 or a student who is homeless shall not be placed in out-of-school suspension unless, while on school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property, the student engages in:

Conduct that contains the elements of a weapons offense, as provided in Penal Code sections 46.02 or 46.05

Conduct that threatens the immediate health and safety of other students in the classroom.

Documented conduct that results in repeated or significant disruption to the classroom.

Selling, giving, or delivering to another person or possessing, using, or being under the influence of any amount of marijuana, an alcoholic beverage, or a controlled substance or dangerous drug as defined by federal or state law

(pgs. 18-19 Student Code of Conduct)

HB 6 Assault against a school employee or volunteer is now a mandatory expulsion. (pg. 23 Student Code Of Conduct)

HB 1481 prohibits the use of personal communication devices while on school property during the school day. Any district rules regarding possession, use, or prohibition of these items should be included in the district's acceptable use agreements, which should be signed each year. HB 1481 indicates that the district must establish disciplinary measures to be imposed for violations of the prohibition on the use of a personal communication device. The district should articulate the consequences for violations

of the Code of Conduct. A definition of “personal communication device” has been added pursuant to legal revisions in HB 1481. (pg.9 Student Code of Conduct)