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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Trustees
From: Blanca I. Cruz, Associate Superintendent
Subject: 2025-2026 SEISD Student Code of Conduct
Date: August 13, 2025

HISTORY: The Student Code of Conduct outlines the expectations, responsibilities, and behavioral standards for students in the San Elizario Independent School District. It acts as a guide to create a safe, respectful, and productive learning environment by clearly stating acceptable and unacceptable behaviors, along with the consequences for breaking these standards. It also helps students, parents, and staff share an understanding of the school's policies, promoting consistency and fairness in discipline while encouraging student growth and accountability.

RATIONALE: The English and Spanish Student Code of Conduct has been revised to incorporate changes from the 89th Legislative Session, as recommended by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB):

- **House Bill (HB) 6** makes substantial changes to Chapter 37, including clarifying the length of suspensions, removing mandatory DAEP placements for possession of an e-cigarette, and allowing districts to create virtual expulsion programs, among other things.
- **House Bill (HB) 1481** mandates that school districts and open-enrollment charter schools adopt a written policy prohibiting students from using personal communication devices on school property during the school day. The policy must outline disciplinary measures for violations and may include provisions for device confiscation. Exceptions are provided for students with medical needs or those requiring the devices for IEPs or Section 504 plans.
- **Senate Bill (SB) 326** amends the Education Code to address antisemitism in public schools and higher education institutions. It requires these institutions to use the definition of antisemitism found in Government Code section 448.001 when determining whether a student's conduct that violated the code of conduct was motivated by antisemitism.
- **Senate Bill (SB) 569** expands virtual and hybrid education in public schools, establishing new rules for full-time virtual and hybrid campuses. It mandates that school districts consider virtual/hybrid education as an alternative to expulsion before expelling a student. The bill also outlines requirements for academic and operational planning for these programs, ensures accountability for virtual instruction providers, and provides funding through the Foundation School Program.

Note: This is not an exhaustive list of all legislative bills passed. An annotated student code of conduct document highlighting the changes has been provided for your review.

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BUDGET: This item has no budget impact.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: The administrative recommendation is to approve the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct as presented.

Please check one: ☒ For approval ☐ Report / Information only ☐ Recognition
☒ Attachment Included

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