

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT CHANGES FOR 2012-2013

Student Code of Conduct Changes for the 2012-2013 School Year

While the 82nd Legislative session has come and gone, there were two important pieces of student discipline legislation from last session that do not go into effect until the 2012-2013 school year. As you may recall:

- House Bill 968 amended the Education Code by limiting a school district's discretion to expel a student from DAEP for engaging in "serious or persistent misbehavior." Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, the option to expel from DAEP for "persistent misbehavior" has been eliminated and "serious misbehavior" is now narrowly defined by law.
- Also, House Bill 1942 substantially changed the definition of bullying to include written or verbal expression, including through electronic means, which occurs on school property, at school-related activities, or in a school vehicle if that conduct exploits an imbalance of power between the students involved and interferes with a student's education or substantially disrupts school operations.