



## ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

**MEETING DATE:** August 19, 2019

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider Approval of 2019-2020 Aledo ISD Student Code of Conduct

**PRESENTER:** Lynn McKinney, Deputy Superintendent

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Student Code of Conduct (SCOC) is updated and approved annually by the Board of Trustees to reflect changes in the law and board policy. It is based on the TASB Model Student Code of Conduct. The SCOC is posted on the district and campus websites after board approval.

The summary of the changes to the SCOC for the 2019-2020 school year are:

- *Threat Assessment and Safe and Supportive School Team*, page 2  
SB 11 requires districts to adopt threat assessment policies and procedures and establish a team to serve at each campus.
- *Searches*, page 2, 3  
This section has added two additional paragraphs to clarify information.
- *Aledo ISD Police Department*, page 3  
SB 1707 requires the district to include the duties of peace officers, school resource officers, and security personnel in its district improvement plan, Student Code of Conduct, and other documents that outline the duties of such personnel. These personnel should not be tasked with behavioral or administrative duties better addressed by other district employees.
- *Unauthorized Persons*, page 4  
Chapter 37 requires the Code to include a statement about the district's appeal process and timeline.
- *Knuckles*, page 7  
HB 446 removes knuckles from the list of prohibited weapons in Section 46.05 of the Penal Code so the district must list them here to impose consequences for possession.
- *Club*, page 7  
Listed here as possession of this item in many circumstances is punishable by mandatory expulsion under federal or state law.
- *Prohibited Aversive Techniques*, page 11, 12  
SB 712 and HB 3630 prohibit a district employee, volunteer, or independent contractor from using aversive techniques or causing aversive techniques to be used on a student.
- *Tobacco/Vaping*, page 14, 15, 18  
Reflects the district's plan for this coming school year.
- *Process*, page 16, 18, 21, 28, and 32  
HB 811 adds a student's status as homeless or in the conservatorship of DFPS to the list of mitigating factors the district must consider in making a disciplinary

decision regarding suspension, placement in DAEP, expulsion, or placement in JJAEP.

- *Coursework During Suspension* – page 17  
HB 3012 amends Section 37.005 of the Education Code to require a school district to provide a student who is placed in either in-school or out-of-school suspension a way to receive all coursework provided in the student's foundation curriculum classes. The district must provide one option for receiving the coursework that does not require the use of the internet.
- *Transition Services* – page 24 and 34  
HB 2184 requires the DAEP administrator to provide the administrator of the campus where the student is returning with information about the student's progress while in the alternative setting, including an assessment of academic growth and results of any assessments given to the student. No later than the fifth day after the student is released back to the campus, the campus administrator must develop a personal transition plan for the student by working with campus personnel.
- *Placement Review* – page 27  
Clarifies the required review of student's status by the campus behavior coordinator at intervals not to exceed 120 days, including the student's graduation plan. The student and/or the parent have the opportunity to be present at the review and present arguments for the student's return to the regular classroom/campus.
- *Controlled substance* – page 36  
HB 1325 amends the definition of controlled substance in state law to exclude hemp and to align hemp in the Texas Agriculture Code with federal law.
- *Dangerous drug* – page 37  
Definition added for clarification.
- *Reasonable belief* – page 40  
Definition added for clarification.

**FISCAL INFORMATION:** None

**ATTACHMENT:** Draft 2019-2020 Student Code of Conduct

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

Administration recommends that the Board approve the 2019-2020 Aledo ISD Student Code of Conduct as presented.