

# **Executive Summary**

## **Board of Trustees Meeting July 30, 2019**

### **Student and Parent Handbook Report**

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#### **Board Goals:**

##### **Domain 1 – Teaching & Learning**

- establish high expectations with a curriculum fostering inquiry, critical thinking, civic responsibility and exemplary citizenship

##### **Domain 2 – Culture & Climate**

- foster a positive, welcoming environment encouraging parent and community partnerships
- promote health, wellness and emotional well-being

##### **Domain 3 – Growth & Management**

- remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus

##### **Domain 4 – Opportunities for Students**

- develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace, and for life.

#### **Purpose of Report:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Denton ISD's response to the requirements for Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code. This report will also provide Denton ISD's plan for a unified, district wide set of rules and regulations that will ensure the best learning environment for our students.

#### **Objective:**

The objective is to provide Denton ISD students and their parents with a resource that will guide their understanding of general rules and guidelines for attending and receiving an education in our district. It will also communicate behavioral expectations that reflect our community's values and standards. Finally, this handbook will be a review of basic information available to administration, faculty and staff to assist them with related board policies and administrative procedures.

#### **Operational Impact:**

When provided with accurate information, ALL students and parents can make sound judgements related to the interests of themselves, others and the district. In addition, students and parents will be encouraged to assume responsibility for maintaining an environment where they can get the most out of their education and will play a key role in maintaining Denton ISD's high standards for expectations.

#### **Results:**

In collaboration with campus and district administrators, the information listed below was added to Denton ISD's 2019–2020 Student and Parent Handbook. These addendums will be located at the back of the current 2019-2020 Student and Parent Handbook.

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2019 – 2020 Student & Parent Handbook Addendums

**DELIVERIES (ALL STUDENTS)**

DELIVERIES	Delivery of foods for students from third party vendors will not be permitted. Please limit deliveries to items that are curricular or school related.
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**DRESS AND GROOMING (ALL STUDENTS)**

PRINCIPAL AUTHORITY	The Denton ISD dress code is established to teach hygiene, instill self-discipline, prevent disruptions, promote safety, prepare students for life after high school, and provide an environment for learning. When there is a question on the dress or appearance of a student, the building administrator and school staff will use their discretion concerning the dress code. The principal, in cooperation with the Campus Leadership Team may add detail to the following dress code and the details may be gender specific. Students must honor the decision of the administrator in charge and make any dress and/or grooming change required. If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses (persistent misconduct) may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The principal has the final authority to determine the appropriateness of all dress code issues.
PARENT AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY	It is the responsibility of the parents and students to ensure that attire worn to school meets district requirements. The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided the decision complies with the general district guidelines set out in the student dress code, outlined in the student & parent handbook.
GENERAL GUIDELINES	Denton ISD reserves the right to establish rules during the school year regarding new fashions in dress and grooming.  Students shall not wear any clothing, that in the principal's judgement is startling, unusual, disruptive, immodest, brings undue attention to the student and/or interferes with the educational/learning process. Students shall not wear any item that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, or depicts nudity. Students dress and grooming must be modest, decent,

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	<p>not distract other students and/or staff, and should contribute to a safe, healthy, and positive learning environment. All students are to present a clean, well-groomed appearance at school and all school related activities. All clothing must be sized to fit properly.</p> <p>The following items have been determined to be unacceptable for wear at school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accessories which create a disruption</li><li>• Accessories applied to the facial area, tongue, or body such as safety pins to the eye area, studs, or rings through the nose</li><li>• Any headgear other than part of approved school uniform</li><li>• Bandanas</li><li>• Bare midriffs</li><li>• Chains or accessories which can be used as a weapon (such as spiked collars/bracelets)</li><li>• Display of undergarments</li><li>• Flip-flops (except in high schools, or as determined by administration on all campuses)</li><li>• Garments containing offensive or obscene words or phrases, pictures, symbols or images</li><li>• Garments which promote or advertise alcohol, tobacco or other prohibited products</li><li>• Halter tops or tank tops</li><li>• Mesh/net clothing</li><li>• Pajamas, slippers or house shoes</li><li>• Ragged or intentionally cut-torn clothing as determined inappropriate by the campus principal or designee</li><li>• Saggy/baggy pants</li><li>• See-through apparel, including leggings</li><li>• Shirts open at the sides (excessively large armholes)</li><li>• Short shorts/skirts (mid-thigh length)</li><li>• Steel-toed shoes (except in identified CTE classes)</li><li>• Strapless dresses/blouses</li><li>• Sunglasses</li><li>• Unnatural cosmetic contact lens colors (considered distracting)</li><li>• Inappropriate hairstyles that cause a disruption</li><li>• Visible tattoos and body art which promote nudity, obscenity or gang activity are unacceptable and must be covered</li></ul>
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**STUDENT IDENTIFICATION (ID) BADGE**

STUDENT ID CARD	For security reasons, all students in grades 6 – 12 are required to wear a school issued ID badge in a visible manner on or above the waist. To properly identify the student whom the ID badge belongs to, the ID should clearly display the campus name, student name, and student photo.
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