

**Board of Education**

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**ACTION**

**TITLE:** Consider Student Handbook changes for 2018-2019

**DATE:** July 6, 2018

**RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR:** Darian Layes  
Executive Director for Student Services

**BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:**

Annually the Fort Smith Public Schools District Handbook is updated to reflect expectations of the students in Fort Smith Public Schools. Change recommendations are reviewed by the district Handbook Committee and then forwarded to the school board for approval.

The FSPS District Handbook Committee met on June 20, 2018 and agreed to recommend eight changes to the district handbook. These changes are the result of changes in school regulations, law, district policy or best practices in public schools.

The changes recommended by the handbook committee are presented here in two formats. One format includes the current handbook verbiage with those parts being eliminated designated by "strike-through" text and those parts being added represented by underlined text. The second copy includes the verbiage planned for inclusion in the handbook should the board approve these changes.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The administration recommends these handbook changes be approved for inclusion in the 2018-19 District Handbook at the July 30, 2018 Board of Education meeting.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read:

***Move to approve the attached changes to the 2018-2019 FSPS District Handbook.***