

MEMORANDUM

To: CISD Board of Trustees
From: Debra Hart, Director of Student Services
Date: July 2007
Re: Changes for the 2007-2008 Student Code of Conduct Book

Revisions for this year's Student Code of Conduct were delayed because of Bills the 80th Legislative Session was considering. Below is a summary of the basic changes that will need to be made for the 2007-08 school year which I obtained from both the 80th Legislative Bill Report and the TASB "Model" Student Code of Conduct".

Changes from the 80th Legislative Session include for the 2007-2008 Student Code of Conduct book include:

- Senate Bill 6 adds Subchapter I, Placement or Registered Sex Offenders, to Chapter 37, requiring the immediate removal of a student from the regular classroom on the receipt of notification that the student is required to register as a sex offender. The district follows procedures to determine and review the appropriate alternative placement: DAEP, JJAEP, or a regular classroom.
- House Bill 2532 expands Section 37.0081 of the education Code to include more circumstances involving Title 5 felony offences, including being arrested, charged with, or referred to a juvenile court for an offence. The consequence is now expulsion; however JJAEP or DAEP placement is required. This provision still requires a hearing prior to placement.
- House Bill 8 adds a mandatory expulsion for conduct occurring on campus or at a school activity that constitutes the offence of continuous sexual abuse of a young child or children. This bill also amends Section 25.0341 of the Education Code by adding this offence as a reason that a student could be assigned to a different campus or DAEP when the victim is on the same campus.
- House Bill 121 adds Section 37.0831 of the Education Code, requiring that the district adopt a dating violence policy to be included in the district improvement plan. This policy will be addressed in the Student Code of Conduct book by adding dating violence to the General Conduct Violations and the definition will be in the Glossary.

Please call at 214-496-8080 with any questions or concerns.

cc: Dr. Jeff Turner, Superintendent