



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: **March 8, 2016**

TITLE: **Study and Approval of Proposed 2016-2017 Student Code of Conduct**

BACKGROUND:

State law mandates that each school district Governing Board establish rules for student behavior and that such rules include consequences deemed appropriate. In some respects, state and federal law also compel specific outcomes to some degree, such as where a student threatens the safety or security of a school campus or a student possesses a firearm. The Governing Board's Student Code of Conduct is the mechanism through which the Board communicates its expectations for student behavior and the consequences for violating those rules, consistent with state and federal law. A student's failure or refusal to comply with the rules of the district and/or his school makes the student subject to disciplinary action.

An effective Code must explain expectations for behavior so that all members of the school community can fully understand them; it must also provide fair and consistent guidelines for consequences to be applied when behavioral incidents do occur to help ensure schools are safe places for students, staff, and the public.

The attached draft of the 2016-2017 Code of Conduct is intended to be easy to read, but at the same time comply with legal mandates for public schools which include the requirement for clear expectations and precise definitions. In that regard, the District's Code contains definitions directed for use by the Arizona Department of Education.

RECOMMENDATION:

This Board item is presented to permit the Board to study and provide any direction concerning the proposed Code of Conduct for the 2016-2017 school year. The administration recommends approval of the proposed 2016-2017 Student Code of Conduct.

INITIATED BY:

Todd A. Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent

Date: March 2, 2016

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent