

June 25, 2009

MEMO TO: Dr. Marie Morris, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning
FROM: Lane Ladewig, Division Director of Campus Operations PK-12
SUBJECT: Revisions to the IISD Student Code of Conduct 2009-2010

Below are the revisions and attached are the revised pages of the 2009-2010 Student Code of Conduct (SCOC) for your review. Be reminded that the text underlined is the new language or additions. As you can see there are several revisions/edits added for 2009-2010.

The big issue for this fall is the length of the term for expulsion. The Governance Committee for the Dallas County Juvenile Justice Alternative Program has requested that all districts in Dallas County place expelled students in the DCJJAEP for a term "of not less than 90 good days, and terminating at the conclusion of a six-weeks grading period". That change has been written in to the SCOC.

Another significant issue is this is a legislative year. Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) has not updated the "Model Student Code of Conduct" for 2009. Unfortunately, this may create a need for additional changes through addendums later in the summer.

Also, I revised the language regarding corporal punishment on page 20 and removed corporal punishment as a consequence on page 14.

I recommend we discuss the changes with the Board and seek approval of this document at the July 20, 2009, Board Meeting with the following edits.

REVISIONS:

The FOREWARD – signed by Dr. Neil Dugger

Blank pages reserved for the Updated Resolution; will be added July 21.

Page 11 -- **Revised language in the Student Dress Code**
Any clothing, cosmetics, tattoos, jewelry, contact lenses, hair...

Each school campus of the district is authorized to develop a mandatory or voluntary plan for wearing of uniforms by students while at school. The plan must designate and provide for a source of funding to be used in providing uniforms for students who are economically disadvantaged. The plan should describe specifically the disciplinary sanctions to be imposed for violation of the uniform requirement. The plan shall exempt a student from the requirement of wearing a school uniform if the parent, guardian or the adult student provides a written statement that states a bonafide religious or philosophical objection to the requirement or any other reasonable objection acceptable to the Board. Any denial of an exemption is subject to appeal and to review by the Board of Trustees.

action as specified in the Student Code of Conduct. (See FO series)

Page 11&12 -- **Revised list of Bus Infraction to match Dallas County Schools**

- Improper boarding/departing procedures
- Bringing any type of weapon or other article of injurious or objectionable nature aboard the bus
- Failure to remain seated when directed or when the bus is moving
- Refusing to obey the driver or monitor or addressing the driver or monitor in a disrespectful manner
- Fighting, pushing, tripping, or assault
- Eating or drinking on the bus
- Extending any part of a student's body, clothing, or any other article outside a bus window
- Throwing, pitching, or shooting objects inside or out of the bus
- Lighting matches or smoking or use of tobacco products on the bus
- Spitting/Littering
- Unnecessary noise
- Tampering with bus equipment or vandalism of bus property

- Rude, discourteous or annoying conduct
- Destruction of property
- Using profanity
- Possession or use of tobacco, tobacco products, drugs, abusable volatile chemicals, or alcohol
- Public lewdness or indecent exposure
- Making a false alarm or report or terroristic threat
- Engaging in conduct that constitutes a felony
- Other behavior detrimental to safety, well-being, and respect for others

Page 13 --

Added reference

NOTE: For definitions of disciplinary terms - see GLOSSARY pages 28-29.

Page 14 --

New rule district-wide to require ID badges

failure to wear a student ID card on campus and at all school events (secondary students)

Page 15 --

Distinguishes misdemeanor and non-misdemeanor indecent exposure from felony level in Phase III; reference to more info about sexual harassment; gambling moved from Phase I to Phase II (recommended by Student Voices); added teacher removal as a misbehavior under Phase II

indecent exposure, as not described in 21.08 of the Penal Code
 sexual harassment (see page 8.)
gambling
formal teacher removal for the classroom, TEC 37.002 (c)

.Page 16 --

Added reference to additional information

...discipline alternative education program from four to six weeks and notification of placement sent to the juvenile justice system.
See page 23 for additional information.

Page 16 --

Added word “discretionary”

*The consequences for Phase III misbehaviors 10 through 15 shall be assignment to a discipline alternative education program or discretionary expulsion

Page 16 --

Length of expulsion term changed

If a student is expelled for offenses 10 - 15, the expelled student will be placed in the Dallas County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program for not less than 90 good days, and terminating at the conclusion of a six-weeks grading period

Page 17 --

Added exception to firearm rule; added sections to better define illegal knife; and the term of expulsion changed; reference to additional information

- a. a firearm as defined by Section 46.01(3), Penal Code or 18 U.S.C. Section 921, except as approved at an on or off-campus target range facility
- b. an illegal knife as defined by Section 46.01(6), (7), (11) Penal Code

*expulsion and referral to the Dallas County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program. The length of assignment to a Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program will be not less than 90 good days, and terminating at the end of a six weeks grading period as established by the guidelines...

Policy FOD (LEGAL). See page 24 for additional information.

Page 20 --

Corporal punishment prohibited; more information regarding sex offenders added

F. The Board prohibits the use of corporal punishment in the District. Students shall not be spanked, paddled, or otherwise physically disciplined for violations of the Student Code of Conduct. Policy FO (LOCAL)

I. Upon receiving notification in accordance with state law that a student is currently required to register as a sex offender, the administration must remove the student from the regular classroom and determine appropriate placement unless the court orders JJAEP placement.

If the student is under any form of court supervision, including probation, community supervision, or parole, the placement will be in either DAEP or JJAEP for at least one semester.

Page 20 – cont.

If the student is not under any form of court supervision, the placement may be in DAEP or JJAEP for one semester or the placement may be in a regular classroom. The placement may not be in the regular classroom if the board or its designee determines that the student’s presence:

1. Threatens the safety of other students or teachers,
2. Will be detrimental to the educational process, or
3. Is not in the best interests of the district’s students.

Page 23 --

**Added reference to FNG (LOCAL); Corrected sequence of appeal to DAEP;
Added guideline for Seniors in DAEP at graduation**

Policy FGN (LOCAL)

1. Director of Campus Operations
2. Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

E. Seniors

For seniors assigned to a DAEP who are eligible to graduate and are assigned to a DAEP at the time of graduation, the placement in the program will continue through graduation, and the student will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony and related graduation activities.

Page 24 --

Corrected term length for expulsion

The length of assignment to the Dallas County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program will be not less than 90 good days, and terminating at the end of a six weeks grading period as established by the guidelines in the memorandum of understanding between the Irving ISD Board of Trustees and the Dallas County Juvenile Board.

Page 25 --

Corrected appeal sequence

1. Director of Campus Operations
2. Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

The decision by the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent (Superintendent’s designee) may be appealed to the board...

Page 28 --

Added term to the glossary

Deadly conduct

Deadly conduct occurs when a person recklessly engages in conduct that places another in imminent danger of serious bodily injury, such as knowingly discharging a firearm in the direction of an individual, habitation, building, or vehicle.

Page 29 --

Term of expulsion added

The term of expulsion from the Irving ISD will be not less than 90 good days, and terminating at the conclusion of a six-weeks grading period.