



College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Eddie Coulson, Superintendent

From: Greg McIntyre, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Date: August 13, 2013

Subject: 2013-14 CSISD Student Code of Conduct

Agenda Item: H-4

Board Priority/
District Goal: Priority A, B, and C: Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

Background

Each year, CSISD adopts a Student Code of Conduct that provides students and families a framework of policies and practices used by the district in order for the district to maintain its focus on helping students be academically, socially, and behaviorally successful. The Student Code of Conduct clearly states the behavioral expectations for students, the due process procedures, and the consequences for students who do not meet behavioral expectations.

The Code of Conduct has been lightly edited throughout for clarity and to incorporate recent changes that have been made to other polices.

Changes in the 2013-14 CSISD Student Code of Conduct include:

- **Social Media**: Clarification regarding the district's authority to address student use of social media outside of school hours.
- **Senate Bills (SB) 1114 and 1541** amend the Education Code as it relates to maintaining effective discipline on the bus. Both bills expand the list of places from which students can be removed due to misbehavior, with the wording in SB 1541 expanding removal to "school buses" and SB 1114 expanding removal to "all vehicles owned or operated by the district." Additionally, SB 1541 adds Section 37.0022, which says a bus driver can send a student to the principal for misconduct on the bus, and campus principals are required to respond by using appropriate discipline management techniques in an effort to correct the behavior.
- **House Bill (HB) 1862** amends the Penal Code by removing switchblade knives from the list of prohibited weapons. Previously, possession of a switchblade knife was a Class A misdemeanor. A district still has the option of prohibiting these types of knives in its Code by choosing the optional language that allows the district to develop its own definition of prohibited knives in the section on Mandatory Expulsion.
- **HB 124** adds all parts of the plant salvia divinorum to the list of controlled substances in the Penalty Group 3 of the Health and Safety Code. While revisions to the text of the Code of Conduct were not necessary as a result of this change in law, editorial notes have been updated in sections on General Conduct and Mandatory Placement in DAEP.

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The CSISD Student Code of Conduct is available to student and parents through the CSISD web page and hard copies (for those individuals who are interested). Additionally, the Student Code of Conduct is published in Spanish. The 2013-14 CSISD Student Code of Conduct represents very few changes from last year's version.

Recommendation

It is recommended the CSISD Board of Trustees approve the 2013-14 CSISD Student Code of Conduct as presented.