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Student
Code of Conduct
And
Extracurricular Honor Code

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8. For certain offenses committed within 300 feet of school property as measured from any point on the school's real property boundary line;
9. For certain offenses committed while on school property or while attending a school sponsored or school-related activity of another district in Texas;
10. When the student commits a felony, as provided by Education Code 37.006 or 37.0081; and
11. When the student is required to register as a sex offender.

Students at School or School-Related Activities

Student responsibilities for achieving a positive learning environment at school or school-related activities include:

1. Attending all classes daily and on time.
2. Being prepared for each class with appropriate materials and assignments.
3. Being appropriately dressed, in accordance with the district's dress code.
4. Exhibiting respect toward others.
5. Behaving in a responsible manner.
6. Paying required fees and fines, unless they are waived.
7. Refraining from violations of the Student Code of Conduct.
8. Obeying all school rules, including safety rules.
9. Exhibiting responsible conduct at school, on school buses, and at all school functions on or off campus.
10. Cooperating with staff in investigations of disciplinary cases and volunteering information relating to a serious offense.

Students at School or School-Related Activities

Students at school or school-related activities are prohibited from:

1. Cheating.
2. Throwing objects outside supervised school activities that can cause bodily injury or damage to property.
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13. Engaging in verbal abuse, i.e., name-calling, ethnic or racial slurs, or derogatory statements that may substantially disrupt the school program or incite violence.
14. Engaging in inappropriate physical or sexual contact disruptive to the school environment or disturbing to other students.
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conduct is punishable as a felony.

Emergency Placement or Expulsion

Emergency Placement

The principal or appropriate administrator may order a student to be immediately placed in an alternative education program if it is reasonably believed that the student's behavior is so unruly, disruptive, or abusive that it interferes with:

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The campus principal or the principal's designee shall make the final decision on campus dress and grooming issues.

Exceptions

Campus administration may grant exceptions to the Dress Code restrictions for any of the following reasons:

- CDC Guidelines for face coverings for COVID 19
- The student has a medical condition supported by documentation from the student's physician;
- The student has recognized sincerely held religious beliefs that conflicts with one or more of these restrictions;
- The student is engaging in supervised physical activities or extracurricular activities where

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Tobacco Use

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Dating Violence

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the entrance or exit of any person to or from said property or campus without the authorization of the administration of the school.

2. Seizing control of any building or portion of a building for the purpose of interfering with any administrative, educational, research, or other authorized activity.
3. Preventing or attempting to prevent by force or violence, or by the threat of force of violence, any lawful assembly authorized by the school administration.
4. Disrupting by force, violence, or the threat of force or violence a lawful assembly in progress.

A lawful assembly is disrupted when any person in attendance is rendered incapable of participating in the assembly due to the use of force or violence, or due to a reasonable fear that force or violence is likely to occur.

Conduct by students, either in or out of class that for any reason – whether because of time, place, or manner or because it is disruptive – interferes with the educational process or with the rights of other students is prohibited.

withholds his or her consent for that return, the placement review committee shall determine the student's placement. The committee shall not return the student to that teacher's classroom unless it determines that placement is in the best or only alternative available.

Terms of removal shall prohibit the student from attending or participating in school-sponsored or school-related activities.

Suspension

The principal or other appropriate administrator may suspend a student who commits a Level III or above Level IV offense. A suspension may not exceed three school days, and the student shall

The district has the right to search a vehicle driven to school by a student and parked on school property whenever there is reasonable suspicion to believe it contains articles or materials prohibited by the district.

Desks, lockers, district-provided technology, and similar items are the property of the district and are provided for student use as a matter of convenience. District property is subject to search or inspection at any time without notice. Such searches are conducted without a warrant and as permitted by law.

Search of Students' Desks and Lockers

Students' desks and lockers are school property and remain under the control and jurisdiction of the school even when assigned to an individual student.

Students are fully responsible for the security and contents of their assigned desks and lockers. Students must be certain that their lockers are locked, and that the combic8 (e)-10 (co)-3ere ticlar ,s

Cooperation with Law Enforcement Officials

The district and district personnel will cooperate with law enforcement agencies within reason. Law enforcement officials may be summoned to keep or restore order at school or at school related activities. They may also be summoned to conduct an investigation of alleged criminal conduct on school premises or at school sponsored activities. Administrators shall have the responsibility and authority to determine when law enforcement assistance is needed within their respective jurisdictions.

delinquent conduct for any felony offense or certain misdemeanors.

If a student at school is subject to arrest or apprehension by law enforcement officer(s), the principal or appropriate administrator, after consultation, shall deliver the student into the officer's custody. The principal shall follow the directive of the police regarding parent notification, but he/she shall notify the Superintendent's designee.

Videotaping of Students, Teachers, and other School Employees

The recording of a person's voice or image without consent is strictly prohibited. A student shall not record the voice or image of any person by any electronic method, while on school property or in attendance at a school-sponsored or school-related event, without the express consent of the person. For purposes of this provision, an "electronic method" of recording the voice or image of a person includes, but is not limited to, the use of a video recording device, audio recording device, or camera. Unauthorized recording of a person shall be addressed under the Student Code of Conduct, and may result in disciplinary consequences including possible restrictions on the student's use of district technology resources. This provision does not prevent recording at a public event such as a choir performance, band performance, athletic performance, or other similar public events.

Extracurricular Honor Code

Participation in extracurricular activities in the Birdville Independent School District is a privilege, not a right.

If the offense occurs in the off-season, post-season, or in the summer, the suspension begins on the first date of a scheduled game, competition, or extracurricular event the following school year. Students who are suspended for off-campus behavior may practice, but may not participate in competitions, suit-out, or travel with the team for the competitions.

Non-Inclusive Example of Disciplinary Consequences for Off-Campus

1st Offense incident that occurred on March 15:

Student	Participant	Disciplinary Consequence
Student 1	Fall Sport	15 day suspension begins date of the first competition
Student 2	Spring Sport	15 day suspension begins immediately if competition has begun
Student 3	Band Student	15 day suspension begins immediately if any competitions remain, if concluded, it will begin on first football competition
Student 4	Cheerleader/Drill Team	Student may still try out for cheerleader/drill team and 15 day suspension begins on date of first football competition
Student 5	Student Council Member	15 day suspension begins immediately
Student 6	FFA Student	15 day suspension begins immediately
Student 7	Spring Sport	Student is a softball player and has been for 2 years. In October, they violate the honor code. Student goes to the Wrestling Coach and requests to join team to avoid being suspended from softball. 15 day suspension begins the date of the first softball game due to avoidance of missing primary sport.

The preceding table provides examples, but the campus principal, Director of Student Services, and appropriate director may adjust the dates in order to ensure district-wide consistency (based on a consensus of the group). A student who is in multiple activities will serve the penalty once and at the earliest possible time.

Appeal Process
The parent or guardian may appeal the extracurricular suspension using the format in the Code of Conduct Booklet (DAEP placements).

1. Level I – The parents have three days to appeal the suspension to the campus principal.
2. Level II – The parents have three days from the principal's decision to send an appeal to the Director of Student Services.

Any decision by the Level II Hearing Officer is final and may not be appealed. The student remains suspended from extracurricular activities during the appeal process.

Extracurricular Honor Code Acknowledgement

A condition to participating in any extracurricular activity or holding an office (elected or appointed) is to sign an acknowledgement that the student and parent have read and understand

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APPENDIX - DEFINITIONS

The following words and terms, when used in this Code, shall have the stated meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Abuse is improper or excessive use.

Aggravated Assault Penal Code 22.02.

Aggravated Sexual Assault: Penal Code 22.021.

Armor -piercing ammunition is defined by Penal Code 46.01 as handgun ammunition used in pistols and revolvers and designed primarily for the purpose of penetrating metal or body armor.

Penal Code 29.03(a) defines aggravated robbery in part as when a person commits robbery and:

1. Causes serious bodily injury to another;
2. Uses or exhibits a deadly weapon; or
3. Causes bodily injury to another person or threatens or places another person in fear of imminent bodily injury or death, if the other person is:
    a. 65 years of age or older, or
    b. A disabled person

ARD: Is the Admission, Review, and Dismissal committee convened for each student who is identified as needing a full and individual evaluation for special education services. The eligible student's parents are part of the committee.

Arson: A person commits an offense if he starts a fire or causes an explosion with intent to destroy or damage any vegetation, fence, or structure on open space land; or any building, habitation, or vehicle. Penal code 28.02.

Assault is defined in part by Penal Code §22.01(a)(1) as intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily injury to another; §22.01(a)(2) as intentionally or knowingly threatening another with imminent bodily injury; and §22.01(a)(3) as intentionally or knowingly causing physical contact with another that can reasonably be regarded as offensive or provocative.

Attendance Review Committee: This committee is responsible for reviewing a student's absences when the student's attendance drops below 90 percent of the days the class is offered. Under guidelines adopted by the Board, the committee will determine whether there were guidelines adopted by the board, the committee will determine whether there were extenuating circumstances for the absences and whether the student needs to complete certain conditions to master the course and

district property or information; or commits a breach of any other computer, computer network, or

Disruption of Classes and / or Lawful Assembly: Conduct by students either in or out of class

Firearm silencer is defined by Penal Code 46.01 as any device designed, made, or adapted to muffle the report of a firearm.

Gang Activity: A “gang” is defined as any group of two or more individuals whose purposes may include the commission of illegal acts. A gang is a prohibited fraternity, sorority, or society as defined by Education Code 37.121. Gang activities and gang involvement are described as:

1. Wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, graffiti, or other items that are evidence of membership or affiliation in a gang.
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c) Conveying, in a manner reasonably likely to alarm the person receiving the report, a false report, which is known by the conveyor to be false, that another person has suffered death or serious bodily injury; and

d) Sending repeated electronic communications in a manner reasonably likely to harass, annoy, alarm, abuse, torment, embarrass, or offend another.

Hazing is defined by Section 37.151 of the Education Code as an intentional, knowing, or reckless

Education Code. Students who engage in serious misbehavior at the DAEP can be expelled to a JJAEP at the discretion of the District following the appropriate due process hearing.

3. Prevent or interrupt the occupation or use of a building; room, place of assembly, or place

UIL: Refers to the University Interscholastic League, the statewide voluntary, non-profit organization that oversees educational extracurricular academic, athletic, and music contests.

Under the influence means lacking the normal use of mental or physical faculties. Impairment of a person's physical or mental faculties may be evidenced by a pattern of abnormal or erratic behavior, the presence of physical symptoms of drug or alcohol use, or by admission. A student "under the influence" need no4uen4 usm223414 (a)-vn" 2ed 0.004 3w1