

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Meeting Date <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">3/15/05</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Open Agenda Yes No</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Time Certain Request X Yes No</div>
		Agenda Item Number <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">C-3</div>

TITLE:

Policy 5.8: Code of Student Conduct 2005-2006

REQUESTED ACTION:

Approve the proposed changes to the 2005-2006 Code of Student Conduct (Policy 5.8) at this first reading.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

The Code of Student Conduct provides students and their families with information about the rules that students are expected to follow when participating in activities on school campuses, on other sites used for school activities, and on any vehicles authorized for transportation of students. Students and parents are required to sign a statement indicating that they have received the code booklet and know the rules.

Each year the Superintendent appoints a committee to review and update the Code. The committee's membership includes teachers, parents, students and school and district administrators. Each member is responsible for generating input from the group he or she represents. The district's website was an additional tool used to collect input.

Recommendations for 2005-2006:

- Add to the Acknowledgement Form a statement that emphasizes the importance of using technology responsibly.
- Include "discipline matrix" as part of the school's discipline plan that is available to parents upon request.
- Include a notice to parents at the beginning of the book to return the Acknowledgement Form within 3 days of receipt of the Code.
- Include one-sentence overviews whenever a policy is referred to and how to access the full policy on the web.
- Eliminate 2.2% deduction for unexcused absences.
- Add to the makeup work policy regarding unexcused absences that the principal may allow for exceptions.
- Define tardiness.
- Categorize Unacceptable Behaviors using headers that are consistent with the discipline matrix.
- Add transmittal of over-the-counter medications to the list of Unacceptable Behaviors.
- Add use of camera telephones to the list of Unacceptable Behaviors and include camera phones wherever cellular telephones are cited throughout the Code.
- Add cyber-bullying to the list of Unacceptable Behaviors.
- Change "distract or offend others" in the Rights section to "create a substantial and material disruption of the school."
- Eliminate styles of shoes from #1 and include zoris and flip-flops in #5 (beachwear). Eliminate thonged sandals from the list.
- Eliminate offensive from #7 and include a notation that "suggestive, revealing, and indecent" refer to exposure of private body parts and/or pictures or words with a sexual connotation.
- Add to the boxed information in the Section IV. Technology a statement that re-emphasizes the importance of using technology responsibly and not to bully, libel or spread rumors.
- Expand the definition of Directory Information under Student Records and the procedure for opting out of providing such information to the military, colleges/universities, law enforcement, and other government agencies.
- Remove from Offenses Leading to Mandatory Expulsion that a weapon may be used for self-defense.

SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:

- ☐ •Goal One: All students will achieve at their highest potential.
- ☐ •Goal Two: All schools will have equitable resources.
- ☐ •Goal Three: All operations of the school system will demonstrate best practices while supporting student achievement.
- ☒ •Goal Four: All stakeholders will work together to build a better school system.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The district's contribution is in the department's general fund budget. There is no additional impact to the school district.

EXHIBITS: (List)

Summary of Recommended Changes from the Current code Committee
Proposed 2005-2006 Code of Student Conduct

BOARD ACTION:

APPROVED AS AMENDED

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MAR 15 2005

Approved in Open Board Meeting on:

By:

School Board Chair

C-3 Amendment – March 15, 2004 School Board Meeting

Motion to Amend (Carried)

Motion was made by Mrs. Kraft, seconded by Mrs. Dinnen and carried, to amend the welcome letter of the Code of Student Conduct booklet, page 8, third paragraph, to add sentence: "We have also worked closely with the ACLU this past year and eliminated and/or defined subjective language in the dress code, (e.g. offensive, indecent, suggestive, and revealing) and provided clearer procedures for distributing materials on school grounds." Mr. Rubinstein was absent. Ms. Gallagher was absent for the vote. (7-0 vote)

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