

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

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STUDENT CODE OF  
CONDUCT

The Student Code of Conduct contains information regarding student discipline and shall be distributed at the beginning of the school year to students and parents, teachers, and administrators and shall be posted conspicuously in the campus main office. The principal shall maintain a reference copy for parent use. The Student Code of Conduct shall be provided to newly hired professional employees, newly enrolled students, and any other person upon request. The Student Code of Conduct can be accessed via the Internet at [www.dallasisd.org](http://www.dallasisd.org).

REVISIONS

Revisions to the Student Code of Conduct approved by the Board during the year shall be communicated promptly to students and parents, teachers, administrators, and others.

EXTRACURRICULAR  
STANDARDS OF  
BEHAVIOR

With the approval of the principal, sponsors and coaches of extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics and marching band, may develop and enforce standards of behavior that are higher than the District-developed Student Code of Conduct and may condition membership or participation in the activity on adherence to those standards. Extracurricular standards of behavior may take into consideration conduct that occurs at any time, on or off school property.

A student shall be informed of any extracurricular behavior standards at the beginning of each school year or, in the case of interscholastic athletics and marching band, at the time the students report for workouts or practices that occur prior to the actual beginning of classes. Students and their parents shall sign and return to the sponsor or coach a statement that they have read the extracurricular behavior standards and consent to them as a condition of participation in the activity.

Organizational standards of behavior of an extracurricular activity are independent of the Student Code of Conduct. Violations of these standards of behavior that are also violations of the Student Code of Conduct may result in independent disciplinary actions.

A student may be removed from participation in extracurricular activities or may be excluded from school honors for violation of organizational standards of behavior of an extracurricular activity or for violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

“PARENT” DEFINED

Throughout the Student Code of Conduct and discipline policies, the term “parent” includes a parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control of the student.

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GENERAL DISCIPLINE  
GUIDELINES

The Superintendent of Schools shall ensure the development of a District-wide discipline management plan that District personnel shall adhere to when imposing discipline. In addition, the following guidelines shall also be followed:

1. Discipline shall be administered when necessary to protect students, school employees, or property and maintain essential order and discipline.
2. Students shall be treated fairly and equitably. Discipline shall be based on a careful assessment of the circumstances of each case. Factors to consider shall include:
  - a. Seriousness of the offense;
  - b. Student's age;
  - c. Frequency of misconduct/disciplinary history;
  - d. Ability and functioning level;
  - e. Effect of the misconduct on the school environment;
  - f. Grade level;
  - g. Student's attitude;
  - h. Statutory requirements;
  - i. Self-defense, as defined in the Student Code of Conduct; and
  - j. Intent or lack of intent at time student engaged in misconduct.
- 3. All school-based faculty and staff shall receive ongoing, but no less than annual training in foundational and informational strategies, techniques, and tools from research based behavior management practices such as, but not limited to restorative practices, mindfulness, and positive behavior intervention support to increase a positive school climate and de-escalate disciplinary challenges to reduce and/or eliminate exclusionary consequences.**
- 4. Campus disciplinary data will be disaggregated and posted on the campus websites, in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) guidelines.**
- 5. In grades PK-2, the District shall use disaggregated disciplinary data to inform actions that will identify**

**inequity and reduce the number and percentage of student in-school and out-of-school discretionary suspensions, except as required by law with the goal to eliminate discretionary suspensions by 2022-2023.**

- 6. The District shall identify elementary campuses that are in need of additional support as outlined in FO(REGULATION).**
- 7. The District shall report annually to the Board of Trustees on the student disciplinary data.**
- 8. Each year during the budget development process, the administration shall present to the Board the proposed budget needed to implement the required research based behavior management practices. The proposed budget shall include planned budgetary and programmatic expansions and any proposed operational changes in comparison to the current and prior budget year.**

DETENTION

For minor infractions of the Student Code of Conduct or campus or classroom rules, teachers or administrators may detain students after school hours on one or more days, as provided by the discipline management program and/or Student Code of Conduct. Before being assigned to detention, a student shall be informed of the behavior that allegedly constitutes the violation, and shall be given an opportunity to explain his or her version of the incident. The period of time for which a student is assigned to detention shall be used for educational purposes.

NOTICE TO  
PARENTS

When detention is used, notice shall first be given to the student's parent to inform him or her of the reason for the detention and permit arrangements for the necessary transportation of the student. Except in the case of a student who is 18 years of age or older, the detention shall not begin until the parent has been notified. The student's parent, if the student is a minor, may be required to provide transportation when the student has been assigned to detention.

BOARD'S DESIGNEE

The Office of Student Discipline shall serve as the Board's designee on all matters relating to students required to register as sex offenders. [See GRAA (LEGAL)]

CORPORAL  
PUNISHMENT

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.

PHYSICAL RESTRAINT

Any District employee may, within the scope of the employee's duties, use and apply physical restraint to a student if the employee reasonably believes restraint is necessary in order to:

1. Protect a person, including the person using physical restraint, from physical injury;
2. Obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object;
3. Protect property from serious damage;
4. Remove a student refusing a lawful command of a school employee from a specific location, including a classroom or other school property, in order to restore order or to impose disciplinary measures; or
5. Control an irrational student.

A District employee may restrain a student with a disability who receives special education services only in accordance with law. [See FOF(LEGAL)]

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE  
SYSTEM

In the interest of promoting safety, including maintenance of order and discipline in common areas of the school and on school buses, video surveillance equipment may be used by any school or any other facility within the District. [See FO(LEGAL)]

NOTICE

This policy shall serve as notice to students, parents/guardians, and visitors to any campus of the possible presence of video cameras in common areas of school campuses, on school buses, and/or any other District facilities. In addition, signs stating that students (and any other persons) may be recorded may be posted in District buildings and on buses.

USE OF RECORDED  
IMAGES

Live recorded images shall be reviewed on a routine basis by the principal, and evidence of student misconduct shall be documented. A student found to be in violation of the District's Student Code of Conduct shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

ACCESS TO  
RECORDED IMAGES

Video recordings obtained from surveillance cameras that contain images of students are student records, which are protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Requests for such video records shall be processed with respect to FERPA requirements. [See FL(LEGAL)]

Videos that contain images of multiple students shall be released only with written consent from the parents of all students whose images are included. If the District determines that it is unable to release a video record to a parent/guardian requestor, the District

shall provide an oral or written summary of the students' behavior or actions recorded in the video.

**ADOPTION OR LAST  
AMENDED DATE**

**This policy was last adopted or amended on February 23,  
2017.**