

Student Code of Conduct Summary of Changes 2025-2026

Not later than the first day of the 2025-2026 school year, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) shall prepare and provide to each school district a report identifying each law relating to school discipline that was amended or added by the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025. A school district shall provide to each student and the parent of or person standing in parental relation to the student the prepared report. HB 6

**Changes were made to the Campus Behavior Coordinator section. There will be a single person listed as the campus behavior coordinator. HB 6

** Changes were made in the Security Personnel section to include the duties of law enforcement and security personnel on campuses. Education Code 37.081

**Changes were made to the Mistreatment of Others—SB 326 requires districts to use the definition of antisemitism provided in Government Code Section 448.001 when behavior violates the code of conduct and was motivated by antisemitism.

** Changes were made to the possession of prohibited items to remove short-barrel firearms from the definition of prohibited weapons in the Penal Code. SB 1596

** Changes were made to the Possession of Personal Communication Devices section. HB 1481

** Changes were made to the Misuse of Technology Resources and the Internet to include using artificial intelligence in a way that would constitute academic dishonesty or as a means of engaging in any other prohibited conduct.

** Changes were made to the First-Time Offense of Possession or Use of Nicotine Delivery Product or E-Cigarette-First time offenders may be placed in DAEP or 10 days of ISS. HB 6

** Changes to the Students with Disabilities section to address the discipline of a student receiving special education services, requiring the district to consider a disability that substantially impairs a student's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student's conduct. Additionally, it states the timelines that a district must use if there is a change in placement for a student with Special Education services. Education Code 37.001 and 37.004

** Changes to the Discipline Management Techniques/ISS section to include that there is no limit on the number of days a student may be assigned to ISS. The administrator must review the ISS assignment at least once every 10 school days to determine the educational progress of a child. HB6

** A new section for Parental Involvement was added. Administrators will notify the parent/guardian of a student who has been placed in DAEP or expelled the parent's right to request a behavioral agreement that specifies the responsibilities of the parent and student. There will be a model agreement distributed to all districts. HB 6

**Changes were made to the Formal Teacher Removal to clarify that removals can result from a single incident of student behavior and that the removing teacher should have the opportunity to participate in the conference. Additionally, a section was added about bullying. Also, parents and guardians must be notified if the student is formally removed. HB 6

** Changes were made to the Returning a Student to the Classroom section to create a return to class plan created in a conference where the teacher participated in. The student may not be returned to the teacher's class unless the teacher provides written consent for the student's return or a return to class plan has been prepared for that student. HB 6

** Changes were made to the Appeals of Formal Teacher Removal section to allow the student to appeal the teacher's removal of the class to the school's placement review committee or the campus threat assessment and safe supportive school team, in accordance with a district policy providing for such an appeal to be made to this team. HB 6

**New section of In-School Suspension-ISS is not subject to any time limit. It must be reviewed at least once every 10 school days to evaluate the educational progress of the student and determine if ISS is appropriate. Additionally, students shall receive appropriate behavioral and educational services as students receive in the classroom.

If a student receives special education services, they will continue to receive special education and related services specified in the IEP. HB 6

** A new section for the process of In-School Suspension is included. Before a student is placed in ISS the student shall have an informal conference with the CBC or the appropriate administrator, who shall inform the student of the allegation before the administrator makes a decision. The CBC will determine the number of days the student will be placed in ISS. The CBC will consider the following: self-defense; intent or lack of intent; disciplinary history, disability that substantially impairs the student's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness, student's status in foster care, or homeless status. HB 6

** Additions were made to the Out of School Suspension section to state that the conduct that threatens the immediate health and safety of other students in the classroom. It also included documented conduct that results in repeated or significant disruption to the classroom. HB 6

** New section was added for the Alternative Assignment, allowing a parent or guardian to submit a written request to the principal to reassign a student placed in out-of-school suspension. It can only be used in extenuating circumstances and not used for routine placement of OSS. HB 6

**Changes were made to the Misconduct Identified in State Law to include the following offenses: disruptive activities, disruption of the classroom, possession of e-cigarettes and Title 5 offenses. HB 6 and Education Code 37.006(e)

**Changes were made to the Mandatory Placement: Misconduct that requires DAEP to include conduct that contains the elements of harassment under penal code 42.07 against any school employee or volunteer on or off school property. Additionally, if a student receives deferred prosecution or a guilty verdict for conduct defined as a felony under Title 5, deadly conduct, felony aggravated robbery, offense of disorderly conduct involving a firearm, or unlawfully carrying a weapon. HB 6

**A new section was added, Virtual Expulsion Program-HB 6 adds a virtual expulsion program if the district is without a JJAEP, Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program. SB 569 sets out an opportunity for a virtual program. It does not apply to students expelled under Education Code 37.0081 or 37.007

**Changes were made to the Emergency Expulsion Procedures-Emergency expulsion may be ordered based on a single incident of behavior by the student. Within 10 days

after the date of the emergency expulsion, the student shall be given the appropriate due process required for a student facing expulsion. HB 6

** A new section was added regarding Certain Felonies that defines that those listed could be expelled or placed in DAEP. It lists the hearing requirements as well as placement limits and how to handle newly enrolled students. Educ. Code 37.0081