

BRAZOSPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

July 20, 2026



BOARD: Action

SUBJECT: Student Code of Conduct 2026-2027

BOARD POLICY: FO (Local)

DISTRICT GOAL: BISD learning environments will be safe and conducive to learning

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

Background Information:

- The Student Code of Conduct is designed to inform parents, students, and staff of the disciplinary practices of our district in alignment with state and federal law.
- Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code governs school discipline.
- During the 89th Legislative Session, House Bill HB-6 removed the ability for Districts of Innovation (DOI) to exempt themselves from any provision outlined in Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code.
- The Student Code of Conduct was updated last year with significant changes; there are very few updates for 2026-2027.

Administrative Considerations:

- Revisions to the Student Code of Conduct are based on legislative mandates, feedback, and input from campus representatives who collect input from the Campus Improvement Teams, which include parents, community members, and teachers.
- The 89th Legislative Session (last year) passed several changes that directly affect the Student Code of Conduct under House Bill (HB 6).
- The Student Code of Conduct will not have any major changes for 2026-2027 since we are not coming off a Legislative Session.
- A local school board has the authority to approve state-discretionary student misbehavior with a mandatory removal to the Discipline Alternative Education Program.
- The Student Code of Conduct identifies ten state-discretionary misbehaviors as mandatory removals to the Discipline Alternative Education Program at the Lighthouse Learning Center. This makes the BISD Student Code of Conduct stricter than Chapter 37 of the Texas Education

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Code.

- Mitigating factors the administrator must legally take into account in deciding whether to order suspension or removal to a disciplinary alternative school include consideration of self-defense, the student's disciplinary history, intent or lack of intent at the time the student engaged in the conduct, any disability that substantially impaired the student's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student's conduct, a student's conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services, and a student's status as homeless.
- The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the Student Code of Conduct as presented.

Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting minutes
- District Website

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Respectfully submitted,

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