



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM  
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

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**DATE OF MEETING:**      **May 5, 2015**

**TITLE:**            **Approval of 2015-2016 Student Code of Conduct**

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**BACKGROUND:**

State law mandates that each school district Governing Board establish rules for student behavior and that such rules include consequences deemed appropriate. In some respects, state and federal law also compel specific outcomes to some degree, such as where a student threatens the safety or security of a school campus or a student possesses a firearm. The Governing Board's Student Code of Conduct is the mechanism through which the Board communicates its expectations for student behavior and the consequences for violating those rules, consistent with state and federal law. A student's failure or refusal to comply with the rules of the district and/or his school can lead to disciplinary action.

An effective Code must explain expectations for behavior so that all members of the school community can fully understand them; it must also provide fair and consistent guidelines for consequences to be applied when behavioral incidents do occur to help ensure schools are safe places for students, staff, and the public.

The SY 2015-2016 drafts of the Code were reviewed by the Governing Board at its regular May meeting. Dr. Barrabee provided some specific requests for modification at that time. Many of those changes are being incorporated into final drafts for presentation to the Board, through this item, for adoption, however some were not included due to legal requirements. The two versions of the Code (one for elementary schools and one for middle/high schools) are attached.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

This Board item is presented for the Board's approval which the Administration recommends.

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**INITIATED BY:**

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**Todd A. Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent**

**Date: April 29, 2015**

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**Patrick Nelson, Superintendent**