



Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE: Consider Amendment to 2025-2026 Student Handbook

DATE: October 27, 2025

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Dr. Michael Farrell
Executive Director of Student Services

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

The administration desires to update the 2025-2026 Fort Smith Public School Student Handbook to reflect and operationalize the recent Board Policy change made on Board Policy 4.60 Student Behavioral intervention and Restraint on the student level.

2025-2026 Fort Smith Public School Student Handbook p. 70

Red Line Passage:

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[Note: Board Policy 4.60 linked above is a live link and does not reflect any changes made to board policy 4.60 on October 27, 2025.]

[Red Line Handbook](#)

[Clean Line Handbook](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the handbook change as written above be approved as presented for inclusion in the 2025-2026 District Handbook. If the Board agrees, the motion would read:

Move to approve the handbook change as presented for immediate inclusion in the 2025-2026 Fort Smith Public School District Student Handbook.