



POLICY 5.1813

4E I recommend that the Board approve adoption of the proposed revised Policy 5.1813, entitled “Student Code of Conduct for Secondary Students.”

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Development

CONSENT ITEM

- The Board approved development of this revised Policy at the development reading on June 19, 2013.
- The proposed changes to this policy are made to comply with the terms and conditions of the Agreement between the United States Department of Justice and the School District entered on February 26, 2013. The agreement was to resolve the USDOJ’s investigation into complaints regarding the District’s policies and practices for registering and enrolling students and for administering student discipline.
- The proposed changes made to the Student Code of Conduct for Secondary Students (Code) are as follows:
 - Prior to writing and submitting a discipline referral, teachers must utilize and document a minimum of two (2) research interventions. See page 10 of the Code.
 - The addition of the terms “Stay Away Agreement” and “Victim Safety Plan” to Level 2: Range of Corrective Strategies Prior to Administering Discipline”. See page 19 of the Code.
 - The addition of the term “unauthorized” in the definition of stealing more than \$300. See page 21 of the Code.
 - The addition of bullying investigation and teen dating violence investigation to disciplinary consequences. See page 28 of the Code.
 - The addition of “Stay Away Agreement” and “Victim Safety Plan” for bullying and teen dating violence to disciplinary consequences. See page 30 of the Code.

- The providing for a student on in-school and out-of-school suspension to be given an opportunity to makeup of class assignments, homework, tests, etc. See page 32 of the Code.

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Student Code of Conduct for Secondary Students

1 **1. Purpose**

2 The purpose of this policy is to support student discipline that:

- 3 a. Provides a philosophy of discipline that will guide staff and students in
4 promoting good behavior in an environment that is conducive to effective
5 and efficient learning;
- 6 b. Maintains safe and orderly learning communities;
- 7 c. Assures consistency across all schools in the District;
- 8 d. Defines and communicates expectations for student behavior;
- 9 e. Defines and communicates expectations for staff responsibility related to
10 student discipline;
- 11 f. Ensures that our students and staff are protected against disruptive
12 behavior and encouraged to participate in the pursuit of higher social
13 standards for behavior and respect for others; and
- 14 g. Assures equity across cultural groups.

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16 ~~learning environment with a positive climate that supports academic achievement~~
17 ~~and promotes fairness, civility, acceptance of diversity and mutual respect.~~

18 **2. Policy Statement**

19 The School Board of Palm Beach County (Board) is committed to providing a
20 safe learning environment with a positive climate that supports academic
21 achievement and promotes fairness, civility, acceptance of diversity and mutual
22 respect. The Board further believes that disciplinary consequences should be
23 designed to change inappropriate behavior, encourage responsible actions, and
24 promote the development of self-discipline, as District schools should be
25 communities in which positive behavior is expected and modeled. To meet
26 these ~~this~~ objectives, the Student Conduct Code for Secondary Students has
27 been developed to assist students, parents, guardians, administrators and school
28 personnel in maintaining a safe and supportive environment.

29 **3. Student Conduct Code for Secondary Students**

30 The [Student Conduct Code for Secondary Students](#) is attached and incorporated
31 herein by reference as part of ~~this the~~ Policy and can be found on the ~~School~~
32 District's Safety, ~~Culture~~ and Learning Environment website. ~~4~~ Any referenced
33 forms and documents are incorporated herein by reference as part of this Policy
34 and can be found on the ~~School~~ District's website.

STATUTORY
AUTHORITY:

Fla. Stat. §§ [1001.41\(2\)](#); [1001.42\(22\)](#); [1001.43\(1\)](#); [1006.07](#)

LAWS
IMPLEMENTED:

Fla. Stat. §§ [1001.43\(1\)](#); [1003.31\(1\), \(3\)](#); [1006.07](#); [1006.09](#);
[1006.13\(4\)](#)

HISTORY:

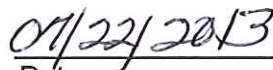
05/16/01; 1/13/03; 9/19/2012; 1/16/2013; _____/2013

Legal Signoff:

The Legal Department has reviewed proposed Policy 5.1813 and finds it legally sufficient for development by the Board.



Attorney



Date