

## **CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT (POLICY 5.8)**

### **WHAT ELSE IS NEW FOR 2008-2009?**

- 🍏 Workback from expulsion abeyance for “Battery on a teacher/school district employee” is no longer allowed.
- 🍏 Parents should contact law enforcement directly for serious incidents that do not occur on School Board property. Bullying incidents should still be reported to school administrators.
- 🍏 Make up work for an “I” grade must be completed by the end of the next marking period.
- 🍏 Cell phones are allowed on buses under certain conditions. Texting is always allowed.
- 🍏 The Media Release Form options delineate between school and District communications.
- 🍏 Added a comprehensive bullying definition, including cyberbullying.
- 🍏 Dress code changes: Spaghetti straps/tank tops are allowed as long as they are covered by an overblouse or jacket; articles of clothing with spikes or sharp objects are not allowed.
- 🍏 Notified parents of the DOE’s electronic device rule during FCAT testing: “within arm’s reach” - mandatory invalidation.
- 🍏 Referrals for counseling services are included under “Offenses for Mandatory Expulsion”.
- 🍏 Limits make-up work for credit and grades to excused absences only.
- 🍏 Two videos were created; one for elementary and one for secondary schools.

### **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?**

- 🍏 Using the Curriculum Guide, review the Code of Student Conduct with staff and students.
- 🍏 Require **all** students to return a signed “Parent/Student Acknowledgement & Media Release Form” within 3 days of receipt of the Code and enter the Media Release response on TERMS.
- 🍏 Have students watch the appropriate videos on BECON.

### **WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?**

- 🍏 You may violate Florida statutes by not notifying students, parents, and staff of the rules.
- 🍏 You will not have the signed Acknowledgment & Media Release Form when you need it.

### **WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?**

- 🍏 All students, parents, and staff.

### **HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?**

- 🍏 Correctly enter assigned consequence codes to ensure accurate data collection.

## **CONTACT**

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