

Student Code of Conduct Revisions 2007-2008

Page # 4 & 5 Secondary Code

Excused/Unexcused absences per School Board Policy 4.01 (D)

- ~~Student Illness: If a student is continually sick and repeatedly absent from school, he or she must be under the supervision of a physician in order to receive an excuse from attendance if absences exceed 8 days per nine weeks/15 days per semester/30 days per year.~~
- ~~Observance of a religious holiday or religious instruction~~
- ~~Medical appointment~~
- ~~The absence was with the knowledge and consent of the school principal~~
- ~~Subpoena by law enforcement agency or mandatory court appearance~~
- ~~Other individual student absences beyond the control of the parent or student, as determined and approved by the principal or principal's designee~~

1. An absence from school under the following circumstances shall be considered excused:

- a. With permission – The absence was with the knowledge and consent of the principal of the school, which the student attends.
- b. Sickness, injury, or other insurmountable condition – Attendance was impracticable or inadvisable on account of sickness or injury, or was impracticable because of some other stated insurmountable condition.
- c. Absence for religious instruction or holidays – A student with the written consent of his or her parent/guardian shall be excused from attendance in school on a particular day or days, or at a particular time of day, and shall be excused from any examination, study or work assignment at such time to participate in religious instruction, for observance of a religious holiday or because tenets of his or her religion forbid secular activity at such time. The principal shall reserve the right to refuse a student's request for released time, if according to the provisions of the district's student progression plan:
 - 1) The student is not enrolled in sufficient courses to allow for the student's promotion or graduation, and thus the released time would not be equivalent to an optional period.
 - 2) The student's grades/academic progress is insufficient to allow for the student's promotion or graduation.
- d. Absences due to head lice will be excused, up to 2 days per incident and for a total of 10 days per school year. After a student has accumulated 10 excused absences due to head lice during a school year, further absences due to head lice will be considered unexcused. Unusual circumstances may be addressed by the principal to go beyond these 10 days for excused absences.

2. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide a written statement to the school explaining the absence within three (3) school days following the return of the student to school.

3. If a student is continually sick and repeatedly absent from school, he or she must be under the supervision of a physician in order to receive an excuse from attendance. Such excuse provides that a student's condition justifies absence for more than 5 days per grading period/ 10 days per semester/ 20 days per year. The principal of the school shall determine when it is necessary to require a physician's statement from the student's medical provider and require the parent/guardian to provide a copy to their child's school within a reasonable period of time as determined by the principal or designee.

4. An absence from school under the following circumstances may be considered unexcused.

- a. The absence was without the parent/guardian's knowledge, consent or connivance.
- b. Permission for the absence was requested but denied by the principal of the student's school
- c. No written statement of the absence from the parent/guardian has been received by the school explaining the reason for the absence within three (3) school days following the return of the student to schools.

5. The principal has administrative discretion in cases of excessive absences to reject a written note and consider the absence as unexcused when absences are seriously impacting academic progress, with the exception of sickness, injury or insurmountable conditions.

6. Accumulated unexcused tardy and early departure time equivalent to one full school day may be counted as one unexcused absence in the total number of unexcused absences required for possible legal action.

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~~A student who attains the age of 18 years during the school year is not subject to compulsory school attendance beyond the date upon which he or she attains that age. (F.S. 1003.26) F.S. 1003.21(1)(c)~~

Page #13 – Bus Rules – Secondary Code

➤ All students are to ride, only their assigned bus and board and exit the bus at their assigned stop location. **Exception is on an emergency basis – if there is room on the bus and student obtains written permission on the school’s permission form!**

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DETENTION

~~A school may elect to provide before, during, or after school detention and specify those types of conduct for which it may be assigned. It should be emphasized that due to problems of transportation and supervision, detention may not be offered in all schools. (Prior notice must be given to parent) After parents/guardians are notified, students may be detained after school hours for reasons of poor conduct or failure to complete required schoolwork. Students may not be detained in excess of one (1) hour. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to provide transportation if a student is required to stay after regular school hours. (School Board Policy, Sect. IV.4.04 D)~~

Page #18 & 19 Secondary Code – Wireless Communication Devices

▪ Use of any photographic or image recording device, including but not limited to cell phones, wireless communication devices, video recorders or cameras of any kind or nature whatsoever (hereinafter referred to as “devices”) on school board property during school hours, and before school and after school hours, is strictly prohibited. Use of said devices while at any school sanctioned activity or function, to record images of any activity other than those which are reasonably considered to be part of said activity or function is strictly prohibited. Publication on any internet site of any photographs, videos or images, the taking, recording or acquisition of which was in violation of the prohibitions set forth is strictly prohibited and will be deemed to be materially disruptive to the orderly processes of the school per se, and will be sufficient reason to impose disciplinary measures.

Page #21 Secondary Code - Drug and Alcohol Violations

Secondary or elementary options may include but are not limited to:

- Family Education Program for secondary student’s only (county substance abuse and violence prevention program with parents’ and students’ participation).
- Approved counseling by outside agency (documentation of enrollment required within 4 weeks).
- Recommended Bannerman Learning Center placement including parents’ and students’ participation in the Family Education Program (for secondary student’s only).
- ~~Recommended expulsion~~
- Other local and district administrative recommendations (after principal confers with Superintendent or County Office staff designee).

Page #31 Secondary Code – Level III

- Inappropriate use of photographic or image recording device

Page # 44 Secondary Code – E-Mail

- A. ~~E-mail is not to be used for the transmission of confidential information such as student and/or personnel information between SDCC employees regarding students may include student name, sports teams, course titles, dates of attendance, and awards. Such information should be formalized into letters and memoranda. E-mail can be edited and redistributed with the knowledge or permission of the originator. There is also a presumptive right of the public to access public documents;~~
- a. Any e-mail transmission between SDCC employees regarding confidential student information or records or reports for which there is a right of privacy under FERPA or F.S. 1002.22 must be segregated into a student file folder or a confidential file folder upon receipt and may not be disseminated as public record.
 - b. No e-mail communications containing information as defined above shall be sent to anyone outside of the school district. If a parent or guardian wishes to communicate with staff via e-mail or if a parent or guardian wants to allow e-mail communications about his/her child to others outside of the school district, the parent or guardian of the student must personally come to the school and sign a request and consent for such transmission and provide the address to which such e-mail transmissions should be sent.
 - c. The transmission of confidential information such as student ID numbers, addresses, or phone numbers and/or personal information such as social security numbers, addresses, or phone numbers shall not be used in e-mail. Such information should be formalized into letters and memoranda. E-mail can be edited and redistributed without the knowledge or permission of the originator. There is also a presumptive right of the public to access public documents.

***All changes stated above in the Secondary Student Code of Conduct are also reflected in the Elementary Student Code of Conduct.**