

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

2016-2017 CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Students and parents are expected to become familiar with the provisions of the districtwide *Code of Student Conduct* and the rules and regulations adopted and implemented by individual schools. Students are also expected to abide by the policies set forth in the *Code* so that they can get the most out of their years in school.

You may access the entire *HISD Code of Student Conduct* online at www.HoustonISD.org/CodeofConduct or by requesting a copy at the front office of the school.

Changes to the *Code of Student Conduct* this year include the following:

- Requiring students to use and securely fasten three-point seat belts, when available, any time the bus is in motion.
- Adding smart watches to the list of electronic devices prohibited during testing, as well as to the list of communication devices, including cell phones, that fall under individual school rules pertaining to the use of electronic devices while on campus.
- Downgrading the use of profanity, vulgar language, or obscene gestures, and possession of mace or pepper spray, from a Level III to a Level II offense.
- Clarifying language surrounding the sending or forwarding of inappropriate electronic communications, including email containing offensive language, untruthful statements, junk email, chain letters, or jokes, when using HISD Information Technology resources, the HISD network, and/or personal devices/accounts. These communications are prohibited, and students are subject to disciplinary measures if the action substantially interferes with school activities or with the rights of students.
- Clarifying language regarding stealing and theft as it pertains to the use of another student's identification or identification number to access services, such as the school lunch program.
- Moving possession of a legal knife that is determined to be possessed for use as a weapon from Level V (optional expulsion) to Level IV (required removal to a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program) consistent with changes in the Texas Education Code.
- Updating the *Code of Student Conduct* throughout to reflect changes in discipline policy that reduce the use of in-school or out-of-school suspensions as a disciplinary consequence.

Parent and Student Acknowledgement and Optional Request for Printed Copy of the *Code of Student Conduct*

____ No, I do not want a printed copy of the *HISD Code of Student Conduct*, as I will access it online at www.HoustonISD.org/CodeofConduct.

____ Yes, I do want a printed copy of the *HISD Code of Student Conduct*

It is important that every student understands the *Code of Student Conduct* and is expected by his or her parent(s) or guardian(s) to follow the rules and regulations set forth in it. By signing below, the parent and student acknowledge that they understand how to access and obtain a printed copy of the *Code*. These signatures also certify that both parent and student accept their responsibilities as described in the *Code of Student Conduct*.

Student Last Name	First Name	Grade	Student ID Number
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Student Signature	Date
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Parent or Guardian's Signature	Date
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