

# 2022-2023 Student Code of Conduct Update

July 26, 2022



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# Student Code of Conduct: purpose

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Provides general information and direction to students and parents regarding:

- Expectations of behavior
- Student responsibilities
- Parent responsibilities
- Staff responsibilities
- Discipline management strategies
- Potential consequences for code violations
- District beliefs and philosophies

# Student Code of Conduct includes...

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- Overview
- Scope of District Authority
- Discipline Consideration & Techniques
- Types of Prohibited Conduct
- Removal from Transportation
- Removal from Classroom
- In School Suspension (ISS), Out of School Suspension (OSS), On Campus Intervention (OCI)
- Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs (DAEP)
- Diversionary Referral Program (DRP)
- Expulsion
- Searches
- General Security
- Notice of Non-Discrimination
- Truancy Letter/District Policy

# 2021-2022 Action Codes

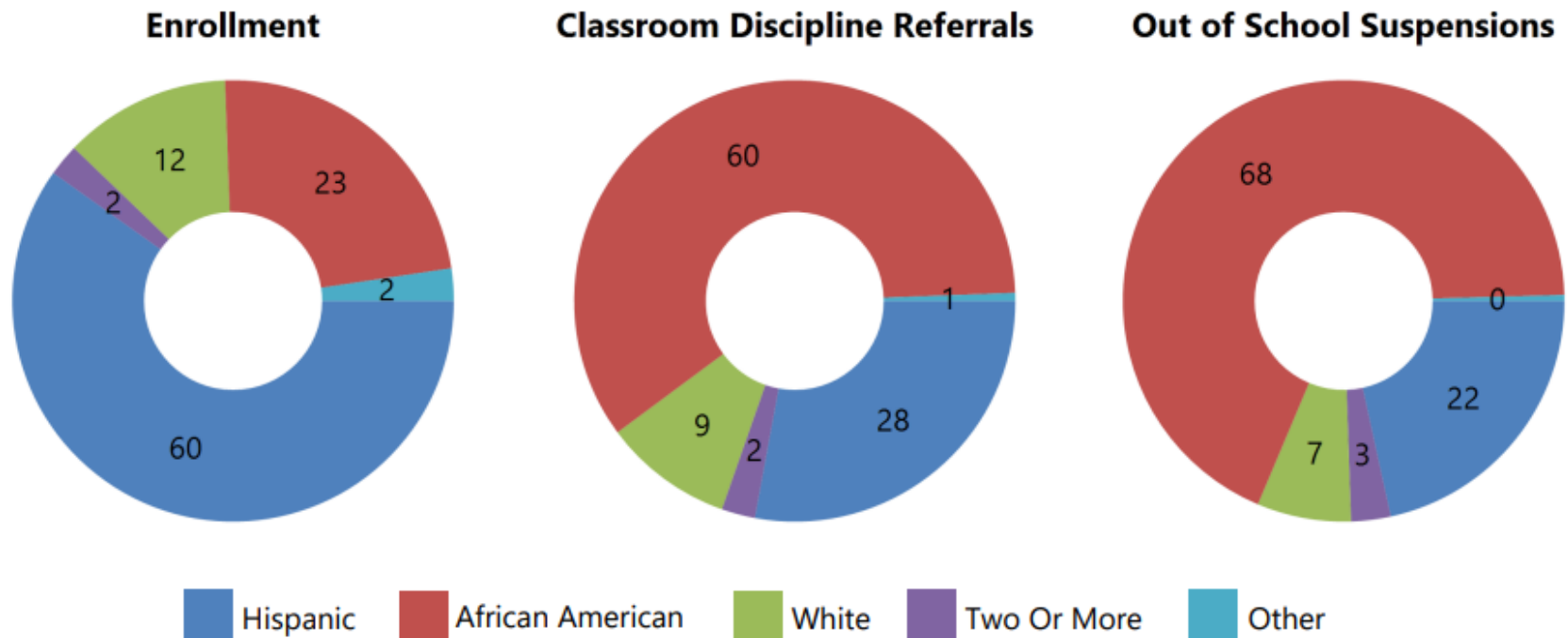
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Administrators assign a consequence via PEIMS code:

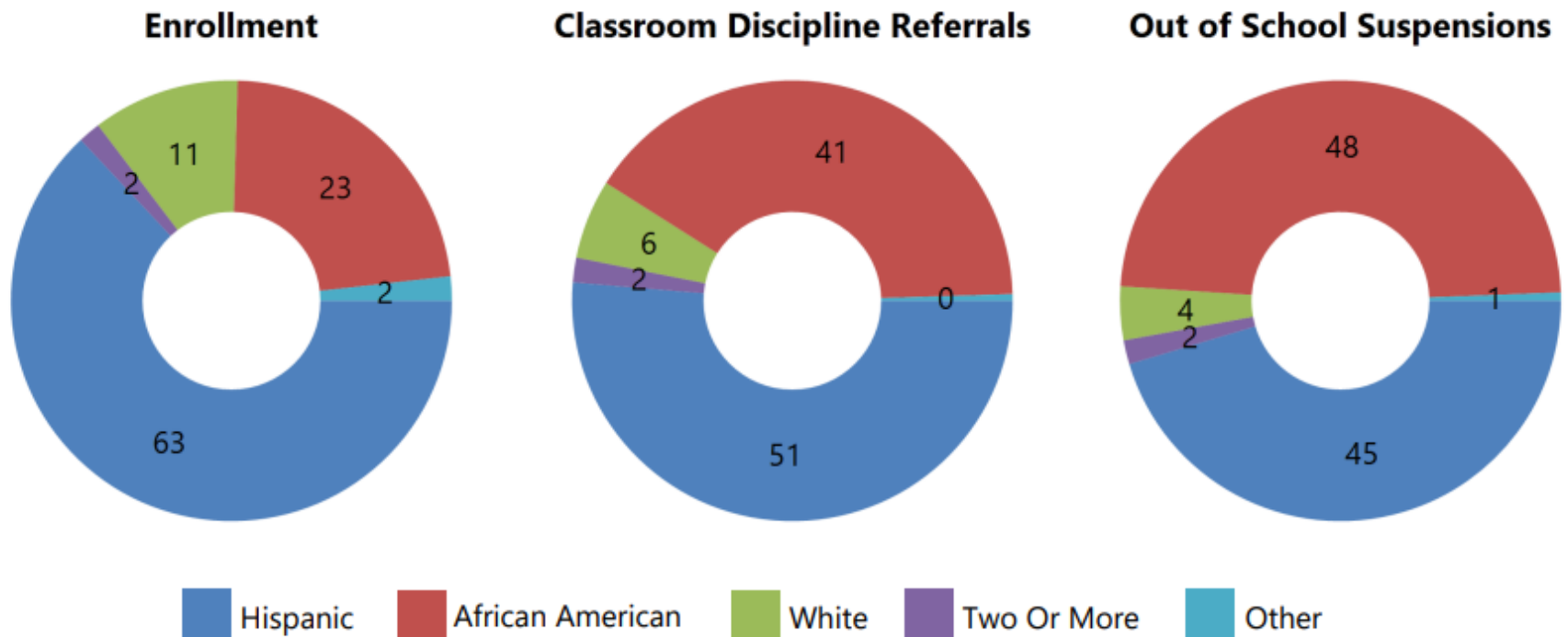
- 21,000 Total incidents with an action taken

In School Suspension	On Campus Intervention (Secondary only)	Out of School Suspension	District Alternative Educational Placement	Expulsion (Juvenile Justice Alternative Educational Placement)
<b>35.7%</b> <b>7,350</b> (placements)	<b>11.4%</b> <b>2,310</b> (placements)	<b>50.7%</b> <b>10,637</b> (placements)	<b>1.9%</b> <b>420</b> (placements)	<b>0.3%</b> <b>63</b> (placements)

# 2021-2022 Suspension Demographics - Elementary



# 2021-2022 Suspension Demographics - Secondary



# Most Common Behaviors of Concern - OSS

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- Fighting
- Disrespectful Behavior/Insubordination
- Persistent Misbehavior
- Disruptive Verbal Outburst
- Cutting Class/Skipping School
- Possession E-Cigarettes



# 2021-2022 Alternative Actions

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Administrators must consider mitigating circumstances as well as the most appropriate intervention given the offense.

- 36,845 Total incidents where an alternative to ISS, OCI, OSS, DAEP, or JJAEP was assigned

# Discipline Process Map

## FWISD STUDENT DISCIPLINE PROCESS MAP

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### UNIVERSAL – TIER 1 PROCESS AND INTERVENTIONS

**Behavior concern arises in the classroom:**  
**NO IMMEDIATE SAFETY CONCERN**

- Teacher provides Universal/Tier 1 classroom-based interventions: redirection, brain break, calming space, seat reassignment, water break, parent conference - refer to **Classroom Relational Agreement** norms.

If teacher interventions prove unsuccessful:

- Teacher contacts office and refers student to administrator via FOCUS Discipline Referral tab.

Administrator conferences with student/parent to determine if additional intervention is required. Must consider the following before making a decision:

- Circumstances around the behavior?
- Was bullying involved?
- Was student provoked or acting in self-defense?
- Other mitigating factors (homeless, pregnancy, mental health concerns)?

Administrator may engage Student Support Staff (Counselor, Intervention Specialist, Case Manager) to consult with student/parents.

- Separation time to breath and de-escalate.
- Reflective Questions consultation.
- Student Support Plan may be initiated.

# Systems in place at every campus

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## Principal Retreat Training

- MTSS Re-launch
- Student Support Teaming
- Creating a Sense of Belonging
- Disciplinary Process Map
- Proactive, Adaptive Strategies to Support Engagement

# Annual Updates

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- State mandated changes are provided in odd numbered years following a legislative session (no legislative changes for 2022-2023).
- The Texas Association of School Boards(TASB) can also announce required changes relevant to new regulations (no TASB changes for 2022-2023).
- Districts can make local editorial changes (format, local language, local Policy).

# Format

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Student Discipline and Placement contracted with the Law Office of Walsh and Gallegos to use their SCC formatting software which automatically incorporates any legislative requirements or TASB suggestions.

# Accountability Assurance

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## Worksheet Table of Contents

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The Student Code of Conduct program will take you through a series of 33 worksheets where you will be asked to input District information or make selections from a series of student discipline options. Once you complete the worksheets, you will be able to review the actual text of the Student Code of Conduct.

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| ✓ 1: Receipt of SCC Acknowledgment Form                                  | ✓ 12: Additional DAEP Misconduct                               | ✓ 23: DAEP Grade Levels                        |
| ✓ 2: Controlling Provisions  | ✓ 13: Terroristic Threats (DAEP)                               | ✓ 24: Graduation Activities While in DAEP      |
| ✓ 3: Students with Special Needs   | ✓ 14: Terroristic Threats (Expulsion)                          | ✓ 25: DAEP Transportation                      |
| ✓ 4: District Policy Online  | ✓ 15: Sex Offender Assignment (DAEP)                           | ✓ 26: Student Transfers (DAEP)                 |
| ✓ 5: Duties of Peace Officers, Resource Officers, and Security Personnel | ✓ 16: Sex Offender Rules (Length of DAEP Placement)            | ✓ 27: DAEP Summer Programs                     |
| ✓ 6: Discipline Techniques   | ✓ 17: Sex Offender Rules (DAEP Transfers)                      | ✓ 28: Expulsion to an Alternative Setting      |
| ✓ 7: Knives  | ✓ 18: Sex Offender Rules (Timing of Period Review)             | ✓ 29: Length of Expulsion                      |
| ✓ 8: Cell Phone / Usage of Communication Devices                         | ✓ 19: Sex Offender Rules (Consideration of Committee Decision) | ✓ 30: Expulsion Term During Distance Learning) |
| ✓ 9: Removal from School Transportation                                  | ✓ 20: Length of DAEP Placement                                 | ✓ 31: Expulsion Hearings                       |
| ✓ 10: Drug & Alcohol Offenses (DAEP)                                     | ✓ 21: DAEP Placement During Distance Learning                  | ✓ 32: Student Transfers (Expulsion)            |
| ✓ 11: Drug & Alcohol Offenses (Expulsion)                                | ✓ 22: Extracurricular Activities While in DAEP                 | ✓ 33: Expulsion Appeals                        |

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## Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP)

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### Reasons for Mandatory DAEP Placement

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#### School-Related.

A student must be placed in DAEP for any of the following misconduct if committed while on school property, within 300 feet of school property as measured from any point on the school's real property boundary line, or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property:

- Engages in conduct punishable as a felony.
- Commits an assault (see definitions) resulting in bodily injury (see definitions) against another.
- Sells, gives, delivers, possesses, uses, or is under the influence of marijuana, a controlled substance (see definitions), a dangerous drug (see definitions), or an alcoholic beverage in any amount not punishable as a felony. ✓
- Commits a serious act or offense while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage if the conduct is not punishable as a felony. ✓
- Engages in an offense relating to abusable volatile chemicals (see definitions). ✓
- Engages in conduct that contains the elements of the offense of harassment under specific provisions of the Texas Penal Code (see definitions), against an employee of the school district.
- Engages in public lewdness (see definitions).
- Engages in indecent exposure (see definitions).

# Looking Back: Major Legislative Changes

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## 2013-2014

- School Officers Can No Longer Issue On-Campus Citations

## 2017-2018

- Texas banned out-of-school suspensions for students PK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade unless they bring a weapon, drugs or alcohol to campus or commit a violent assault; required to consider if a student is in foster care or is homeless when making disciplinary decisions and are banned from issuing out-of-school suspensions to homeless students. (FWISD Board extended PK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade)



# Looking Back: 2021-2022 Updates

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- Notice of Non-Discrimination
- Sexual Harassment definition
- Local update – COVID-19
- Local update – clarifies ‘excused’ absence
- Local update – Mitigating factors update

# 2022-2023 Updates

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- No Legislative updates
- No TASB recommended updates
- Continuation - Mandatory only Central Office Conferences (COC).
- Local update: New Student Code of Conduct format (Walsh Gallegos template)
- Local update: Acceptable Use of Assets Policy (p. 37)

# Acceptable Use of Assets

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FWISD Division of Technology has updated the Acceptable Use Policy related to the use of district devices, computers, software, communication tools (email, chat), access to internal networks (intranet), and access to external networks. (page 37).

# Online Access

The screenshot displays the Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD) website. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with a 'TRANSLATE +' button and links for 'Español', 'नेपाली', 'عربي', 'తెలుగు', 'Tiếng Việt', and 'Soomaali'. Below this is a light blue navigation bar with 'OUR SCHOOLS +' and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and a search icon. A secondary navigation bar contains links for 'About', 'Pre-K', 'Students', 'Families', 'Community', 'Departments', 'Board', 'Employees', and 'Careers'. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: 'HOME > DEPARTMENTS > STUDENT DISCIPLINE AND PLACEMENT > STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT ENGLISH 2021-2022'. On the left, a sidebar titled 'Student Discipline and Placement' lists links: 'HOME PAGE', 'STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT OVERVIEW', 'CAMPUS BEHAVIOR COORDINATOR', 'STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT ENGLISH 2021-2022', and 'STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT SPANISH 2021-2022'. The main content area shows a large blue banner with the text 'FORT WORTH ISD STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT 2021-2022 | WWW.FWISD.ORG/CONDUCT'. Below the banner, a paragraph states: 'The FWISD Student Code of Conduct, approved by the Board of Education, provides information and direction to students and parents regarding expectations of behavior and consequences for code violations. Parents and students are encouraged to read and regularly review the Code to ensure a safe and productive school year.' The Fort Worth ISD logo is in the bottom right of the banner. At the bottom of the page, there are three small images: a student in a graduation cap, a crowd of students, and a student in a graduation cap.

- <https://www.fwisd.org/codeofconduct>

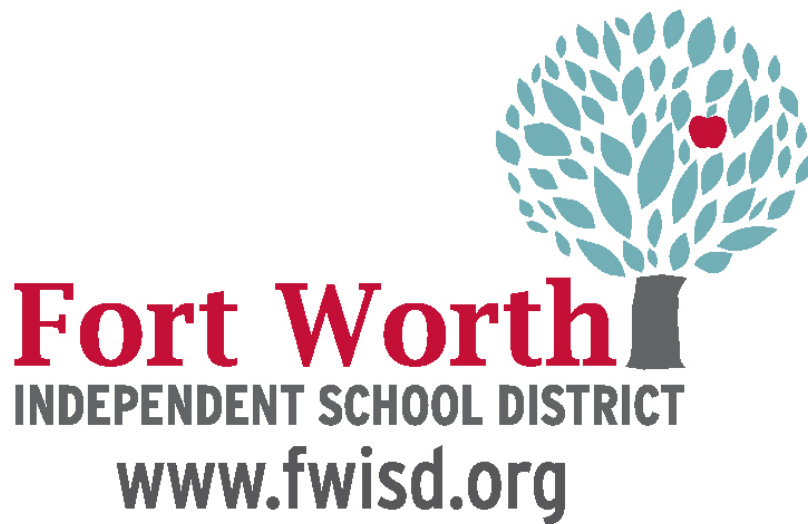
# Looking Ahead: Timeline 2023-2024

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- Provide training and updates to campus administrators and staff (August-September 2022)
- Re-convene Cross Functional Team to review and incorporate Legislative and TASB recommended changes (April-July 2023)
  - Continue to improve flow and format
  - Review Minimize redundancy
- Propose revisions to Board of Trustees (August 2023)

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# Questions?



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