

ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: May 16, 2011

AGENDA ITEM No: 11-05-(2)-10

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) Y

SUBJECT: Student Code of Conduct 2011-2012 – 2nd Reading Approval

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. Proposed 2011-2012 Student Code of Conduct Handbook

PURPOSE: To provide the Board of Education, for approval on second reading, the proposed revisions to the 2011-2012 Student Code of Conduct Handbook (Policy #4300).

BACKGROUND: All Orange County Schools (OCS) students will receive this handbook at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year or whenever they enroll in the district. All students and their parents/guardians must sign that they have received, reviewed, and understand the standards of behavior for students attending OCS.

All required annual notifications to parents are now being included in the Code of Conduct.

Note: In order to save on the cost of printing, only the two pages of the Student Code of Conduct that were adjusted have been printed. No additional adjustments were required after 1st Reading Approval by the Board. Please refer to your May 2, 2011 board packet for a complete copy of the document.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The approximate printing costs are \$3,500 to print 8,000 copies.

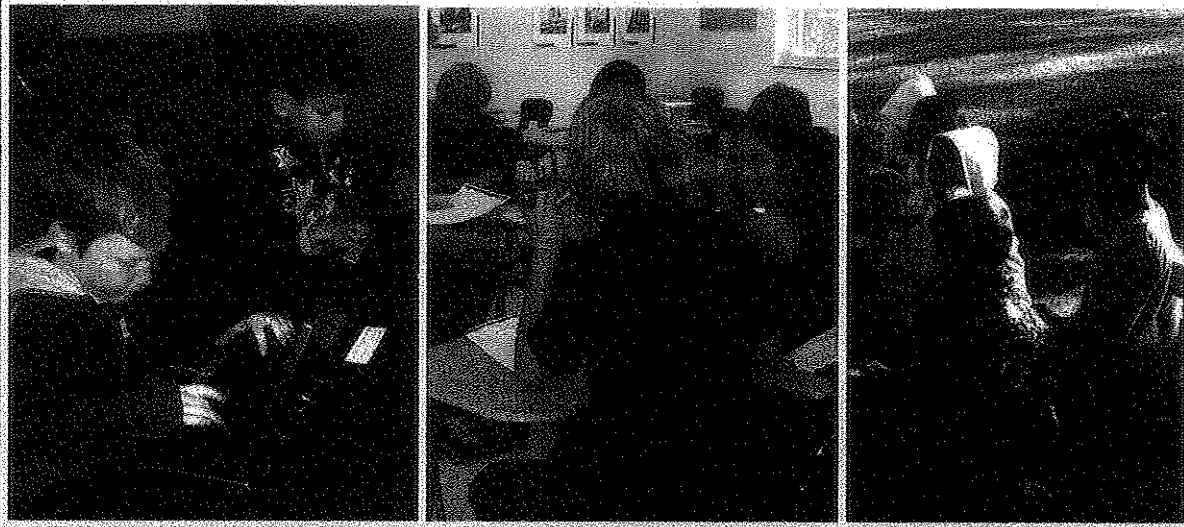
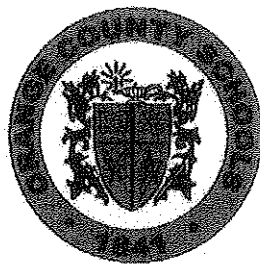
RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends that the Orange County Board of Education approve for second reading the proposed revisions to the 2011-2012 Student Code of Conduct Handbook.

ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Student Code of Conduct and

Annual Notifications

2011-2012



REQUIRED ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS' PUBLIC NOTICES

Federal and state laws require public school systems across the nation and the state to provide parents and legal guardians with annual notification regarding specific issues. Those issues are listed below.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

No otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States...shall, solely by reason of her or his disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. *U.S. Department of Education*

Medical Information and New Vaccines

North Carolina General Statute 115C-47 requires schools to provide information concerning cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia and human papillomavirus. North Carolina General Statute 115C-375.4 requires Local Boards of Education to provide parents and guardians information on Meningococcal disease and vaccines. Information on these diseases can be found at http://www.orange.k12.nc.us/academic_dept_pages/student_services_nurse.html or www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac. Those without internet access can contact a school nurse or the Orange County Health Department at 919.245.2400 for more information.

Permissible Use of Seclusion and Restraint

It is the policy of the Orange County School System to promote the safety of all students, staff, and visitors in its schools. To further this policy, school personnel may, in compliance with G. S. 115C-391.1 and state and local policies and procedures, employ reasonable restraint or seclusion techniques with students.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide copies of this policy and General Statute 115C-391.1 to school personnel and parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year. Principals shall notify parents of any prohibited use of seclusion, restraint, or aversive techniques and shall provide a written incident report within 30 days of any such incident as required by G. S. 115C-391.1 and applicable policies and procedures. The Superintendent or designee shall annually provide a record of reported incidents to the State Board of Education.

North Carolina's Safe Surrender Law

In 2001, the North Carolina General Assembly passed a law, G.S. 7B-500(b) or G.S. 7B-500(d), making it legal for females to surrender their newborn baby to a responsible adult without fear of criminal prosecution. While any responsible adult may receive a newborn, school social workers or family specialist social worker, school nurses, school counselors and law enforcement are examples of responsible adults who are familiar with this law. More information can be found at www.safesurrender.net. Those without internet access can contact their school nurse, school social worker or family specialist social worker.