

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
February 28, 2023

SUBJECT:

Revision to the Weapons - Knives section in each level of the Code of Student Conduct – 1st Reading

BACKGROUND:

At the February 21, 2023 board meeting the board asked for administration to look at and make more consistent and clear the Weapons - Knives Consequences portion of the Code of Student Conduct. The following requests were made:

1. eliminate the separation of knives based on length
2. include a knife in the definition of a weapon
3. keep similar the consequences for self-reporting
4. make sure that Law Enforcement is involved if the knife is over two inches in length regardless of self-reporting.
5. Make consequences the same across all grade levels

Law Enforcement language must be kept due to the state statute.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The recommended changes were made and are presented tonight for 1st reading.

ATTACHMENT:

Proposed Code of Student Conduct (excerpt)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the revision to the Code of Student Conduct on 1st Reading

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Elementary

Weapon	Intent	K-2 Consequences	3-5 Consequences 1 st offense	3-5 Consequences 2 nd offense	3-5 Consequences 3 rd offense
Knife (786) Blade < 2 in. Knife (784) Blade > 2 in Knife (785) Blade > 2.5 in					
	Possession – Self- Reported	CNF/LE	CNF/LE	RE/LE	RE/LE
	Possession- Threat	<i>RE/LE</i>	<i>RE/LE</i>	<i>RE/LE</i>	<i>RE/LE</i>

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	Possession – Self-Reported	CNF/LE	RE/LE	RE/LE
	Possession- (Shown or Threat to Others)	RE/LE	RE/LE	RE/LE

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