

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
October 25, 2022

SUBJECT:

Revision to Policy JICDA - Code of Student Conduct, First Reading

BACKGROUND:

Policy JICDA Code of Conduct states in part, "The board will annually review and adopt a code of student conduct for all students.... The code establishes guidelines for students, parents, teachers and administrators in maintaining an orderly and appropriate school environment." Currently, the code of student conduct includes the use or possession of "e-cigarettes, vapors, oils, etc." in the category of tobacco-related products. The consequence for these infractions on first offense ranges from a parent conference and in-school suspension in elementary school to out-of-school suspension in high school.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

During the current school year, we have seen multiple instances in which students have become significantly ill after vaping. Several have been transported to the emergency room by either ambulance or parents. At least one has been admitted to the hospital with life threatening symptoms. We have no definitive means of determining what chemicals are contained in vaping devices. They can be laced with illegal and dangerous substances including THC and fentanyl. In an effort to protect our students and provide a deterrent to the use of vaping devices in our schools, administration proposes that electronic cigarettes and other vaping devices be removed from tobacco-related products and set as a separate infraction. The recommended consequences are included in the proposed code of student conduct.

This recommendation would not impact level 3 drug offenses. If there is definitive evidence that an illegal drug is present, the first offense would result in an expulsion recommendation.

ATTACHMENT:

Proposed Code of Student Conduct (excerpt)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the revision to the Code of Student Conduct on first reading

PREPARED BY:

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