

# CODE OF CONDUCT STUDENT DISCIPLINE SUMMARY

## **2015-2016 POLICY CHANGES:**

- **Mandatory 10 Day OSS**

Where a ten (10) day out of school suspension is connected to a reassignment or an expulsion we reduced the number of days from ten (10) days to no more than five (5) days per incident.

- **MAKE-UP WORK FOR ABSENCES (EXCUSED, UNEXCUSED OR SUSPENSION)**

Make-up work for full credit and without a grade penalty is allowed for all absences. It is the student's responsibility to get the missed work. The number of days allowed to make up the work shall be the same as the number of days the student was absent, however in all cases the work should be turned in before the end of the grading period or whichever is the shortest period of time in compliance with the number of days absent as mentioned above.

## **2015-2016 PRACTICE CHANGES:**

- **No OSS for the following offenses:**

- Excessive tardies
- Missed detentions/Saturday School
- Cell phones/ electronic devices
- Leaving school grounds w/o permission
- Skipping class/school
- In an authorized location

- **No exclusionary practices: In- School Suspension/Out of School Suspension (ISS/OSS) for more than three (3) days without permission from area superintendent per each incident**

- **No more than 10 days cumulative ISS/OSS per semester without permission from area superintendent.**

## **RESULTS OF THE 2015 -2016 POLICY/PRACTICE CHANGES:**

- PCS has seen a 36.5% decrease in the number of out-of-school suspensions from the 2014 - 2015 school year to 2015-2016 school year (August – June)

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- PCS has seen a 44.2% decrease in the number of out-of-school suspensions second semester of 2015-16 compared to the second semester of 2014-15 (January through June)

### **ACTION PLAN FOR 2016:**

- Continue to implement the changes of 2015-16 from the beginning of the 2016-17 school year.
- Increase our trainings on implicit bias and discipline disparity throughout the district
- Conduct trainings on restorative practices for all students, teachers, administrators and school resource officers
- Continue to receive and consider input for possible revisions to the Student Code of Conduct that may reduce disparities
- Analyze truancy through the lens of geography (e.g. identify areas with the greatest rates of truancy) and bolster student services to address it
- Develop new approaches to welcoming and integrating students returning from suspension, reassignments or incarceration
- Continue to provide professional development opportunities for cultural awareness and gender learning differences.

### **Forms and Notifications Changes:**

- **Notice of right to not participate in Pledge of Allegiance.** See HB 7029, Lines 4032-4041:

#### **1003.44 – Patriotic programs; rules.**

(1) .The pledge of allegiance to the flag shall be recited at the beginning of the day in each public elementary, middle, and high school in the state. Each student shall be informed by a **written notice published in the student handbook or a similar publication** pursuant to s. 1006.07(2) that the student has the right not to participate in reciting the pledge. Upon written request by his or her parent, the student must be excused from reciting the pledge, including standing and placing the right hand over his or her heart.

***The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag shall be rendered daily. Those students not wishing to participate should maintain a***

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*respectful silence, refraining from any act that would interfere with such observance. See School Board Policy 8810.*

- **Notice of Funds Expended per Student per School. See HB 7029, Lines 467-476 :**

### **1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.**

(16) SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT RATING REPORTS; FISCAL TRANSPARENCY.—Parents of public school students have the right are entitled to an easy-to-read report card about the school's grade designation or, if applicable under s. 1008.341, the school's improvement rating, and the school's accountability report, including the school financial report as required under s. 1010.215. ***The school financial report must be provided to the parents and indicate the average amount of money expended per student in the school, which must also be included in the student handbook or a similar publication.***

### **NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF THE SCHOOL PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT 2015-2016**

The annual school report for 2015-2016, including the average amount of money expended per student in each school, is available at your child's school and on the district website which can be viewed at [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org). Please contact your school to obtain a copy or visit the website if you would like to review the report.

**Student eligibility standards and disciplinary actions – extracurricular activities. See HB 7029, Lines 2792-2818:**

### **PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY IN BRIEF**

- Home Educated students must be assigned through the district office.
- Students administratively transferred to another regular school for disciplinary reasons shall be ineligible for athletic participation for a period of the remaining of the school year.
- Students returning to any regular school from a successful reassignment/expulsion shall be eligible upon return to the regular school provided the student meets all FHSAA eligibility requirements.
- Students ejected from an athletic contest for unsportsmanlike conduct are subject to a fine to be paid by the student/parent/guardian to his/her school. The fine may range from fifty (\$50) to two hundred fifty (\$250), determined by the FHSAA, for gross unsportsmanlike conduct. An athlete who is ejected or disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct will not participate in or represent the

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school in any future athletic contests until all fines assessed have been paid to the school.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Academic Eligibility:
  - An incoming 9th grade student must have been regularly promoted to be eligible during the first semester.
  - Eligibility is based on an unweighted cumulative GPA in all courses taken since first entering the 9th grade.
  - Eligibility status is determined at the end of each semester (18 weeks) to determine if a student is eligible or ineligible.  
This means a student who maintains a cumulative 2.0 grade point average is eligible for an entire semester (18 weeks). If a student does not maintain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average, he/she is ineligible for an entire semester (18 weeks). This applies to 11th and 12th grade students.

## PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOLS' ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR ACTIVITIES OR YOUR SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC COORDINATOR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

- A student will be eligible until he/she reaches the age of 19 years, 9 months.
- Students have four consecutive years of high school eligibility from the date they first enter the 9th grade. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in 2014-2015, and thereafter, a student who reached 19 on or after September 1st, and who has not exceeded his/her four year limit of eligibility, may participate in Interscholastic athletics during that school year.
- Physical Evaluation: The annual physical evaluation must be administered either by a licensed physician, a licensed osteopathic physician, a licensed chiropractic physician, a licensed physician assistant, or a certified advanced registered nurse practitioner. A physical evaluation is valid for one year (365 calendar days) from its date. For example, if a physical is on May 1 it is valid through the following April 30.

In addition, the following rules apply:

- A. A student not currently suspended from interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activities, or suspended or expelled from school, pursuant to a district school board's suspension or expulsion powers provided in law, including ss. 1006.07, 1006.08, and 1006.09, F.S., is eligible to participate in interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular activities;

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- B. A student may not participate in a sport if the student participated in that same sport at another school during that school year, unless the student meets the criteria in s. 1006.15(3)(h), F.S.; and
  
- C. A student's eligibility to participate in any interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity may not be affected by any alleged recruiting violation until final disposition of the allegation pursuant to s. 1006.20(2)(b), F.S