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**To:** Principals, Assistant Principals, and Central Office Directors/Coordinators

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**Subject:** Summary of Code of Conduct Changes for 2011-12

**Date:** August 9, 2011

The Policy Committee of the Board of Education recommended the following changes to the Student Code of Conduct for the 2011-12 school year to the Board of Education at their August 8, 2011 meeting. All changes were approved and are listed as follows:

- The Table of Contents was revised based on changes made to the overall document.
- Corporal punishment was removed from Page 5 since the policy was revised recently to prohibit its use in any school.
- Rule 1 has a new sentence added to address the new law requiring that out-of-school suspensions not exceed two days for any of the violations listed in the subsections of the rule.
- Rule 4b was modified to add the word cleavage added to the end of the last sentence.
- Rule 4d was modified to add the word sleepwear in the third sentence. Also, "spandex bike pants" was revised to "spandex-like clothing."
- Rule 5b was replaced with the previous contents of 5f. Also, the section name was replaced to "Electronic Devices" and is rewritten based on modern technology.
- Rule 5e was deleted (beeper, pager, and similar devices) based on changes in modern technology.
- The definition of tobacco in Rule 11 has been explained in further detail as recommended by the NCSBA. The NCSBA received their recommendations based on the federal definition that FDA uses to regulate tobacco products.
- A new section to address use/possession and an additional one to address sale/distribution were both added under Rule 11.
- Rule 18g was renamed as "Other" instead of "Inhalants." Also, the word ingesting was added to the first sentence. The rule also has a new sentence added to include synthetic stimulants and synthetic cannabinoids. This addition was recommended by the NCSBA. For your reference, examples of synthetic

stimulants include MDPV, mephedrone (bath salts), etc. Examples of synthetic cannabinoids are spice and K2.

- Rule 20 is a new rule added to address offensive materials on electronic devices.
- Rules 20-36 in the 2010-11 Student Code of Conduct were renumbered to Rules 21-37 to accommodate for the new Rule 20 added this year.
- Rule 21 in regards to computer trespassing was completely changed per changes recommended to the committee from the FCS Technology Department.
- Rule 37c has been added to address cyber bullying and/or any form of harassing or intimidating behavior outside of the normal school hours that results in a disruption of the school environment.
- Page 21 (Attendance) has been fully updated to reflect the revisions approved recently in Policy 4400.