

PRAIRIE LEA I.S.D.



2009-2010

CODE OF CONDUCT

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This Student Code of Conduct provides information regarding expectations for student behavior and consequences for misconduct. Please read and review the information in the Student Code of Conduct with your student so that you have a clear understanding of its content. Once you and your student have reviewed the Student Code of Conduct, please sign the acknowledgment form listed below and return it to Main Office. Please contact your student's teacher or campus administrator if you have any questions about the Code.

**Prairie Lea Independent School District
2009-2010 Student Code of Conduct
Acknowledgment Form**

Student Name: _____

School Campus: _____ Grade Level: _____

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by Prairie Lea Independent School District's Student Code of Conduct for the 2009-2010 school year. I understand that _____ (student name) will be held accountable for the behavior expectations and disciplinary consequences outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. I understand that the Student Code of Conduct governs all behavior at school, at school-sponsored and school-related activities, and during school-sponsored travel. I also understand the Student Code of Conduct governs some designated behaviors occurring within 300 feet of school property, some designated behaviors occurring off-campus, and for any school-related misconduct regardless of time or location. I understand that a referral for criminal prosecution is possible for certain violations of law.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Student Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Date

Date

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

PURPOSE

The Board of Trustees adopted this Student Code of Conduct (SCC) to promote a safe, secure, and optimal learning environment for all students. Inside you will find information regarding:

- The District-wide discipline management plan,
- A description of prohibited conduct,
- The disciplinary options, methods, and consequences for preventing and addressing student misconduct, and
- The process the District will follow when administering disciplinary consequences.

If there is a conflict between the SCC and the Student Handbook, the terms of the SCC will control. If there is a conflict between the SCC and District policy, the more recently adopted item will control.

ADDITIONAL RULES

Students may be subject to campus, classroom, extracurricular, and/or organization rules in addition to those found in the SCC. Students may face consequences under these additional rules as well as possible disciplinary action under the SCC. Further, to the extent a student engages in misconduct that is not specifically addressed in the SCC, the student may still be disciplined if the misconduct disrupts or interferes with the educational process, learning environment, or school safety.

GENERAL STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT

In order to promote a positive educational experience for all students, the District expects students to adhere to seven basic standards of conduct: (1) exercise self-control, self-respect, and self-discipline, (2) demonstrate a positive attitude, (3) respect the rights and feelings of others, (4) respect school property, (5) support the learning process, (6) adhere to rules, and (7) promote a safe environment. Because of significant variations in student conduct, it is not always possible for the SCC to address each and every act of student misbehavior. To that end, the District retains discretion to address student misconduct that is inconsistent with these seven standards even though the conduct may not be specifically included in the SCC.

NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Teachers and administrators strive to notify parents/guardians of student conduct concerns as they occur. The campus administrator will contact the parent/guardian by phone or in writing within three school days of becoming aware of misconduct that may result in out-of-school suspension, DAEP placement, or expulsion from school. Failure to send any notice within this time period or as noted elsewhere in the SCC does not preclude imposing a discipline consequence.