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**Spillane Middle School**  
**2009-2010**

**Home of the Spartans**

# Administrative Team

- Mr. Kinninger – Principal
- Cheryl T. Henry – Director of Instruction
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Mr. Miller – Assistant Principal
  - Ms. Benz - Counselor
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Mrs. Brotemarkle – Assistant Principal
  - Mrs. Olejnik
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Mrs. Ray - Assistant Principal
  - Ms. Isaacs – Counselor

# Why Code of Conduct?

The Code of Conduct is  
Cy-Fair ISD's response  
to requirements of Chapter 37  
of the Texas Education Code.

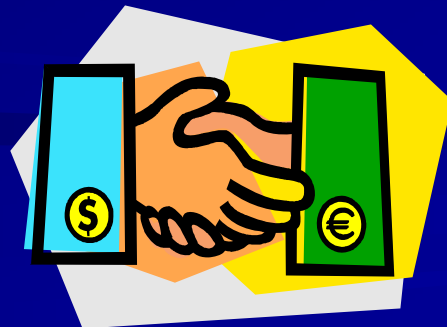
Defines misconduct that may/must result in a range of  
specific disciplinary consequences.



# Safety Pledge

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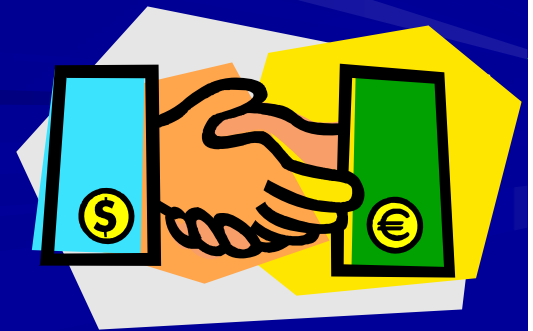
- Recognizing that every student has right to a safe environment where everyone is treated with respect!
  - I have an essential role in school safety
  - I will do all I can to stop harassment of others



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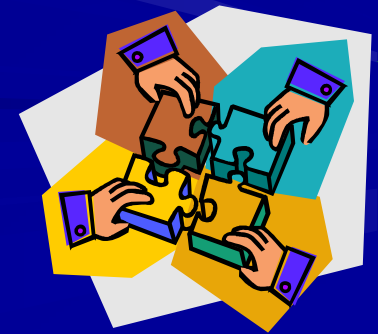
- I will promote the acceptance of individual differences
- *I will immediately report any threats of violence, suicide, presence of weapons, explosives or drugs to school administrators...*



# Student Expectations

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- Abide by the Safety Pledge
- Demonstrate courtesy & respect for all
- Respect the rights, privileges and property of others
- Behave in a responsible manner at school, on the bus and at all school functions
- Obey all campus & classroom rules
- Attend all classes on time
- Be prepared for each class



# Student Expectations

CC-2



- Be well groomed & dress appropriately
- Cooperate with staff in maintaining safety & order
- Report dangerous or threatening situations to staff
- Report all technology security problems immediately
- AVOID VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT
- Know that the use possession, and/or sale of illegal or unauthorized drugs, alcohol and weapons are unlawful and prohibited

# Disciplinary Authority of the School

CC-3



- During the school day and while traveling to and from school on the bus
- While the student is participating in any activity during the school day on school grounds
- While the student is in attendance at any school-related activity, regardless of time or location
- For any school-related misconduct, regardless of time or location
- When retaliation against a school employee or volunteer is involved, either on or off school property
- When the student commits a felony (re: Texas Education Code Sections 37.006 or 37.0081) on school property or within 300 feet of school property
- When the student commits a felony (re: Texas Education Code 37.006) off school property
- For certain offenses on or off of school property as set out in the Student Code of Conduct
- ***The district has the right to revoke the transfer of a resident or non-resident for violating the Student Code of Conduct***

# Discipline Assignments

CC-4



- Detention Hall (DH)
- Discipline Management Class (DMC)
- Suspension
- Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (ALC)
- Expulsion

# New Term added 2009-2010

CC-5



## Online Harassment

- ❑ using the name or persona and/or identifying information of another person
  - ❑ to create/post one or more web pages/messages on a social networking site
    - without obtaining the other person's consent
    - with the intent to harm, defraud, intimidate, or threaten any person.
  - ❑ When sending electronic communication (text, IM, etc.)
    - ❑ without obtaining the other person's consent
    - ❑ with the intent to cause a recipient of the communication to reasonably believe that the other person authorized or transmitted the communication, and
    - ❑ with the intent to harm or defraud any person.

# Other Terms Defined

CC-5,6



- Bullying
- Classroom disruption
- Harassment
- Hit list
- Paging Device
- Self-Defense
- Under the influence
- Use



# Bullying

- Bullying is defined as engaging in written or verbal expression or physical conduct that a school principal determines:
  - Has the effect of harming a student or property or placing someone in fear of either
  - Creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment

# Classroom Disruption

- Is any behavior which violates the rules of a particular classroom
  - Interferes with the teacher's opportunity to present material
  - Interferes with any other student's opportunity to concentrate on the material or their assignment

# Harassment

CC-4

## ■ **Harassment** is defined as

- threatening to cause harm or bodily injury to another student,
- engaging in sexually intimidating conduct,
- causing physical damage to the property of another student,
- subjecting another student to physical confinement or restraint, or
- maliciously taking any action that substantially harms another student's physical or emotional health or safety.

# Hit List CC-4

- **Hit list** is defined as a list of people targeted to be harmed using a
  - Firearm (Section 46.01 (3), Penal Code
  - a knife (Section 46.01 (7), Penal Code
  - or any other object to be used with intent to cause bodily harm.

# Paging Device

- Paging device is defined as a telecommunication device that
  - emits an audible signal,
  - vibrates,
  - displays a message or
  - otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor.
    - Cell phone
    - Camera/video phone
    - PDA
    - Pager/beeper

# Possession

CC-4,5

- **Possession** is defined as
  - the actual care, custody, control, or management of an object or substance.
  - A student shall be considered to be in possession of any substance or object prohibited or regulated by this Code if the substance or object is:
    - on the student's person or in the student's personal property, including but not limited to the student's clothing, purse, book bag, or backpack;
    - in any private vehicle used by the student for transportation to or from school or a school-related activity, including but not limited to, a truck, automobile, motorcycle, or bicycle;
    - any school property used by the student including a locker or a desk.

# Self-defense

CC-5

- **Self-defense** is considered appropriate and will be considered as a mitigating circumstance only when
  - the student has a reasonable belief that the force is immediately necessary to protect himself against the other's use or attempted use of force that could result in serious bodily injury
  - Verbal assault or threats is never enough to justify self-defense
  - Each student is responsible for making every effort to avoid the use of any force and is advised to remove him or herself from the situation if at all possible.
  - The district does not condone or authorize students to use force against another individual, even if that individual provokes or instigates a fight or altercation.

# Under the influence/Use

CC-5

- **Under the influence** is defined as
  - not having the normal use of mental or physical faculties; however, the student need not be legally intoxicated.
  - A physical assessment may be administered by a school nurse.
- Use** is defined as
  - a student who has introduced into his or her body, by any means, a prohibited substance recently enough that it is detectable



# Bus Conduct

CC-7

District rules and guidelines are applicable on the bus  
The Driver is authorized to assign seats.

## Students must

- ❖ keep all body parts inside the bus while riding
- ❖ not in any way touch the bus before boarding or after leaving
- ❖ not try to get on or off or move about while the bus is in motion
- ❖ Not damage the bus in any way – report damage immediately

## Not allowed on bus

- Glass containers
- Animals
- Skateboards
- Fighting – may result in suspension of bus-riding privileges

Bus driver will review procedures and rules – CofC applies to bus

# Levels of Violations of the Code of Conduct

- Level I – Classroom or School rules and are usually handled by a teacher
- Level II – More serious violations and/or a continuation of Level I - result in a referral to the AP
- Level III – Disruptive and more serious than Level I or II. These are serious violations and may result in suspension or ALC placement



# Levels of Violations of the Code of Conduct

- Level IV – Extremely Serious Violation which may result in removal to the ALC
- Level V – Extremely Serious Violations which may result in EXPULSION for up to a calendar year



# Levels I & II

Examples violations are found on  
CC-10 &12

*Please read and become familiar with these*



# Level III

CC-14

May result in suspension or  
removal to the ALC

- Harassment, Bullying, Creating, Possession of a Hit List, online harassment
- Possessing A device that has the appearance of a weapon
- Possessing an object, or substance that could cause harm to property or persons
- Repeated violations from Levels I & II

# Level III

CC-14

- Being disrespectful to Staff
- Injury by unacceptable contact
- Failure to report the knowledge of an event, devise or object that is harmful
- Fighting
- Gang related behavior
- Giving false statement to an administrator during an investigation

# Level III

CC-14

- Interfering with school operations with boycotts, sit-ins, or trespassing
- Misuse of district technology
- Misuse of over the counter medication
- Possession of legal items such as laser pens, pocket knives, fire crackers, razors, chains, and mace
- Possession of pornography

# Level III

CC-14

- Possession of drug paraphernalia
- Possession of something represented to be a drug
- Posting or distributing unauthorized communication materials
- Refusal to comply with reasonable request
- Stealing, extortion, gambling, or possession of stolen items

# Level III

CC-14

- Threats – oral or written
- Profanity and racially offence language or gestures
- recording the voice or image of another in any way that invades the privacy of an individual or others, or is made without the prior consent of an individual or others
- Vandalism or defacing school property
- ANY OTHER ACT THAT SERIOUSLY DISRUPTS THE ORDERLY PROCESS OF SCHOOL

# Level IV

## Removal to the ALC

CC-17

- Felony activity/Conduct
- False Alarm or Report
- Retaliation against school employee
- Terroristic Threat
- Assault
- Public Lewdness or Indecent Exposure
- Sells, gives, delivers, possesses, uses or is under the influence
  - Alcohol, marijuana, controlled substance or dangerous drug
- Engages in offense relating to an abusable volatile chemical

# Level V Expulsion

CC-24

- Firearm
- Illegal knife
- Club
- Aggravated, sexual or aggravated sexual assault
- Arson
- Prohibited weapon
- Conduct in sections of the Penal Code from Aggravated assault to Capital Murder (full list on CC-24)

# Procedural Requirements

for removal to

## DAEP

CC 29-33

Information is given about:

- ➡ General rules
- ➡ Off-Campus felony removals
- ➡ Length of removal
- ➡ Violations
- ➡ Consequences
- ➡ Length of placement
- ➡ Procedural requirements

# Additional Procedures

CC 33-37

- Teacher removal – office referrals
- Formal removal from classroom by teacher
- Suspension
- Authority of the school district
- Law Enforcement Agencies (police & courts)
- Searches, Cameras, Dogs, Metal Detectors,
- Restraint,
- Hazing,
- Gangs
- Prohibition of electronic communication devices

# Electronic Communication Devices



- Cell phones, Camera phones, Beepers, Pagers, etc.
  - Are not permitted to be SEEN or HEARD during the school day
  - Must be turned off (*not vibrate or silent mode*)
  - \$15 fee to return items to PARENTS

# Nuisance Items

- Teachers have been instructed to confiscate nuisances items
  - They can disrupt the learning environment
  - They can pose a safety threat
  - They are easily stolen
- Nuisance items are not allowed
  - ipods
  - Mp3 players
  - CD players
  - Electronic games/devices
  - Hats, sunglasses, chains etc.



# STUDENT HANDBOOK

- More policies, practices & procedures
  - Attendance
  - Admission
  - Promotion
  - Graduation
  - Extra Curricular Activities

# Specific Guidelines for Dress & Grooming

HB 37-38

Students are NOT to wear clothing that is

- Tight
- Loose
- Sagging, baggy
- Cut, torn
- Revealing, low cut
- Spaghetti strap
- Backless
- Short

# Specific Guidelines/Restrictions for Dress & Grooming

HB 37-38

Pants must be worn at the waist

*must not show underclothing*

Shorts, skirts, dresses – mid thigh or longer

*must not show underclothing*

Tops, shirts, blouses – cover torso, back, chest, breasts, cleavage

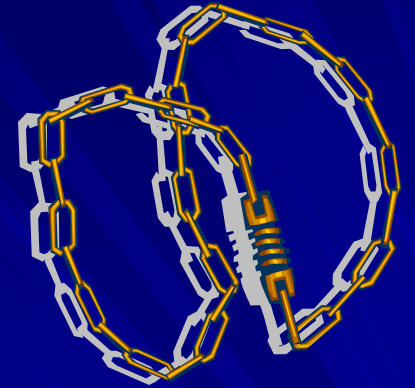
*must not show underclothing*

Shoes –

*No house shoes, house slippers or flip flops*



# Specific Guidelines for Dress & Grooming



Pajamas/loungewear – prohibited

Jewelry – noisy, distracting and excessive – prohibited – (includes wallet chains)

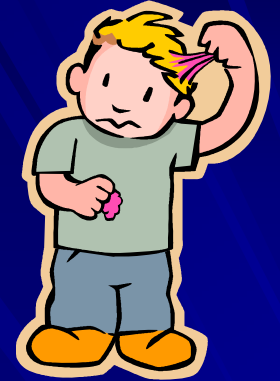
Tattoos – must be covered

Hair/Make-up – style/color must not interfere with the learning and school environment

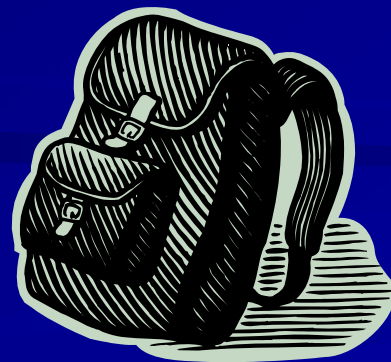
Head Covering – No type of head covering unless religious, medical or required



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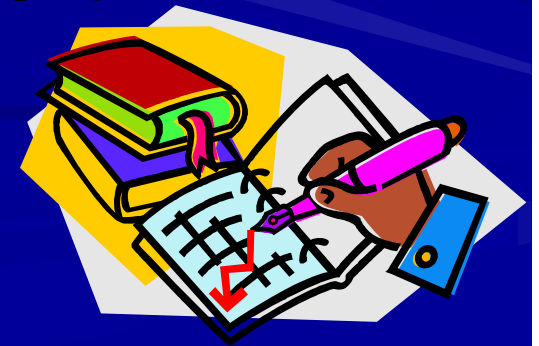


- Backpacks are not allowed during the school day
  - Put in locker before 1<sup>st</sup> period
  - Retrieve after 8<sup>th</sup> period
    - includes sling packs and large purses used to carry books
- Violations will result in correction and call to parents – 3<sup>rd</sup> violation results in DMC for remainder of day

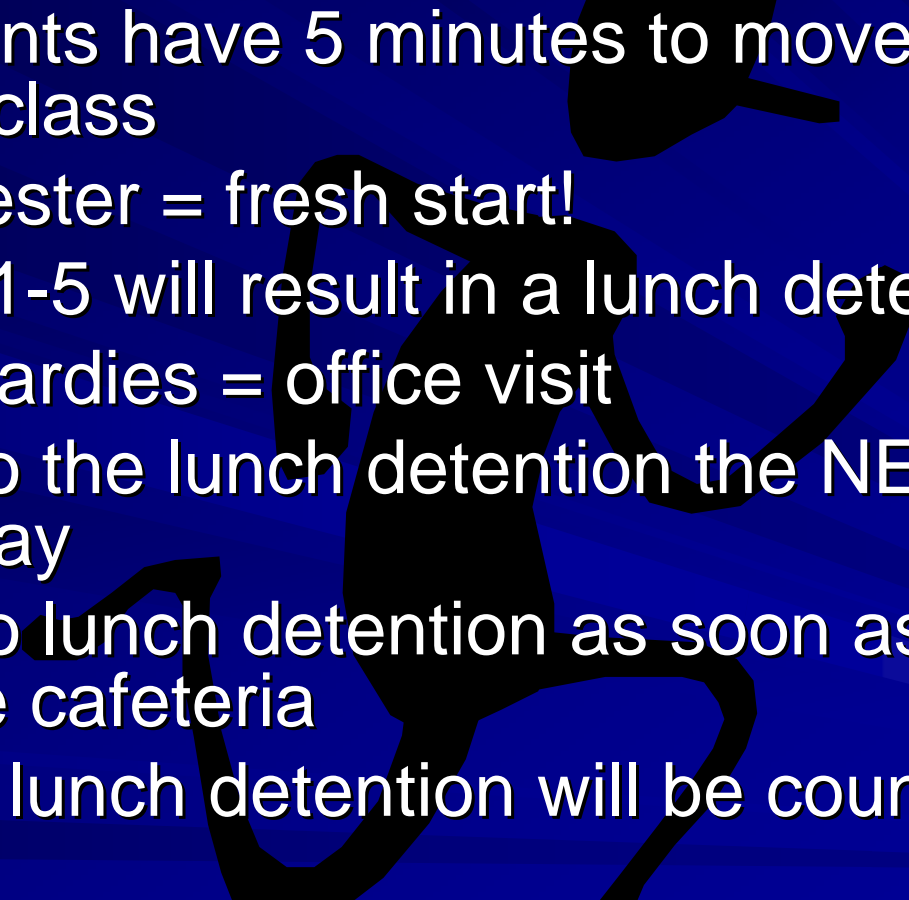


# Dress Code

- Teachers have been asked by Administration to enforce dress code
- Students out of dress code are to report to the office immediately
- Assistant Principal's office will direct corrective action to be taken by student

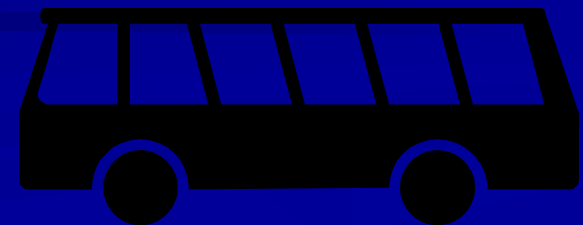


# Tardies

- All students have 5 minutes to move from class to class
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> semester = fresh start!
  - Tardies 1-5 will result in a lunch detention
  - Further tardies = office visit
  - Report to the lunch detention the NEXT school day
  - Report to lunch detention as soon as you enter the cafeteria
  - Tardy to lunch detention will be counted as a tardy
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# Bus Notes

- You must have written parent permission to ride a bus other than your own
- Notes should be turned in to the APs office when you arrive to school
  - Name, grade, bus number, destination address, parents phone number
  - We must call to verify your note
  - Bus passes should be picked up during your lunch

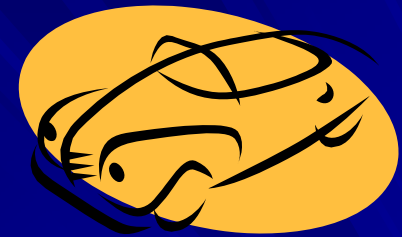


# More Bus Info

- If you eat breakfast at school, make sure to go straight to the breakfast line when you get off the bus
- Regular busses roll at 3:25
- No late buses
  - Make arrangements for your ride home prior to staying for tutorials or other supervised activities

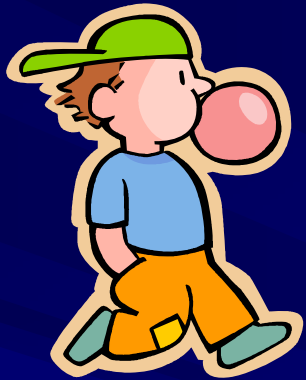


# Afternoon Car Riders



- Students must be picked up by 3:25
  - Students not picked up by 3:25 will be asked to return to the front office to call parents
  - All students should be in a supervised activity by 3:25 and remain until 4:15
  - Students not picked up by 4:20 will lose their tutorial/activity privilege

# Spillane Middle School



- No gum in our beautiful building

- Dining Hall

- Please walk your trash to the trashcan

- Work together to clean your area  
(table & floor)

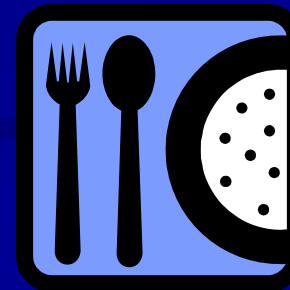
- Respect the custodians

- No food or drink is to be taken out of  
dining hall



# Dining Hall

- Please finish all food & drink in the Dining Hall
- No food or drink outside of dining hall
- Snack bar line
  - Only one person at counter at a time
  - Second person in line – stay behind red tile
- Shutdown – last 5 minutes of lunch
  - All seated unless walking trash
  - No restroom or food lines



# Gang Related Behaviors

- Does not mean you are in a gang, but these are listed under gang activities
  - Writing or possessing written representation of territory (Northside, NS, etc.)
  - Tattoos (permanent or temporary)
  - Eyebrows that are partially shaved

# Gang Related Behaviors

- Writing or possessing gang related symbols or graffiti
- Hand signals
- Intimidation – ganging up or walking in the halls in large groups
- Hats, bandannas or other gang related apparel

# Breakfast of Champions

- Please refer to your student planner to learn how to qualify for the Breakfast of Champions as well as other awards

