

Hardeman County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in March	Descriptor Term: Code of Conduct	Descriptor Code: 6.300	Issued Date: 09/13/18
		Rescinds: 6.300	Issued: 02/17/00

1 The director of schools shall be responsible for the overall implementation and supervision of the
2 Board's Code of Behavior and Discipline and shall ensure that students at all schools are subject to a
3 uniform and fair application of the Code.

4 The principal of each school shall be responsible for implementation and administration in his/her
5 school and shall apply the Code uniformly and fairly to each student at the school without partiality
6 and discrimination.

7 The Board delegates to the director of schools the responsibility of developing more specific codes of
8 behavior and discipline which are appropriate for each level of school, namely, elementary, middle,
9 junior high and senior high. The development of each code shall involve principals and faculty
10 members of each level of school and shall be consistent with the content of the Board's Code.

11 The code shall be referenced in all school handbooks and available to teachers, administrative staff,
12 and parent/guardians.

13 Student behavior should reflect a manner of respect for others and for the standards of maintaining a
14 safe learning environment where orderly learning is possible and encouraged. This includes conduct on
15 school property, on school buses and while students are on school sponsored outings.

16 Misbehaviors that impede orderly classroom procedures or interferes with the orderly operation of the
17 school may range from minor to major offenses. Staff members/administrators may use intervention,
18 reprimands, assignments, counseling, demerits, detention, in-school suspension, or other disciplinary
19 actions as deemed appropriate. The frequency or seriousness of the misbehaviors that disrupt the
20 learning climate of the school may also be taken into account.

21 Behaviors such as fighting, threats, damage to the property or person of others, misuse or destruction
22 of property, and other more disruptive behaviors may result in more serious consequences as deemed
23 appropriate. If a student's action poses a threat to the safety of others in the school, a teacher, principal,
24 school employee, or school bus driver may use reasonable force when necessary to prevent bodily
25 harm or death to another person.

26 Possession/use/transfer of dangerous weapons, possession of unauthorized substances (i.e. any
27 controlled substance, controlled substance analogue, or legend drug), assault that results in bodily
28 injury, or electronic threat to cause bodily injury or death to another student or school employee are
29 zero tolerance offenses.