

## **POLICIES PERTAINING TO OUR STUDENTS**

### **ADMISSION**

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- All persons shall recognize and respect the rights of students as established by Federal and State law and District policy, including but not limited to adherence to Title IX prohibitions against gender discrimination in education programs which receive Federal financial assistance, as do those of the School. The educational program of the District shall be nonsectarian and shall not discriminate against any student on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, national origin, religion, disability, academic, athletic or artistic ability, or need for special education services. Prohibitions include such activities as engaging in sexually-oriented conversations for the purpose of personal sexual gratification, telephoning students at home or elsewhere to solicit inappropriate social relationships, physical contact that reasonably would be construed as sexual in nature and enticing or threatening students to engage in sexual behavior in exchange for grades or other School-related benefit.

Such conduct or other sexual harassment of students by employees (or of employees by students or parents, or students by students) of the School can be considered discrimination on the basis of sex and may be actionable under Federal and State law, as well as subject to strict discipline, including termination of employment or expulsion under District policy. All Title IX and/or other complaints of unlawful or inappropriate conduct by an employee with a student shall be brought to the immediate attention of the School Leadership.

- The District's schools are original open-enrollment charter schools as provided by Texas Education Code, Chapter 12, Subchapter D, § 12.101(b). Students with a documented history of criminal offenses, juvenile court adjudication, or discipline problems under TEC Chapter 37, Subchapter A may be denied admission. Documented discipline problems include: truancy, fighting, prior school suspension, vandalism, alcohol, drug or tobacco use. Determination of a student's documented history of discipline problems that will warrant the denial of admission may include any of the following sources: transfer records from prior school such as discipline records, attendance records, counselor notes, parent information, and court & probation department records as available and admissible by law. If a student has had documented discipline problems and has overcome them for at least one school semester, by successfully attending a non-disciplinary, alternative program, the Charter District will accept the student.

- The Board or its designee shall admit into the schools all persons who are over 5 and younger than 21 years of age on September 1 of any school year in which admission is sought, and may admit a person who is at least 21 and under 26 for the purpose of completing the requirements for a high school diploma in accordance with TEC 25.001(a)-(b), (d)

- For admission to be granted, evidence that a person is eligible to attend the open-enrollment charter school is required. A person may establish eligibility by completing and submitting a Registration Card and all the documents required. Documents required include proof of age such as birth certificate, proof of residence such as utility bill, and current

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immunization records such as a record showing the child has the immunizations required by TEC 38.001, proof that the child is not required to be immunized, or proof that the child is entitled to provisional admission. A more detailed description of the required documents is within the Parent-Student Handbook and Enrollment Package. A returning student may establish continued eligibility by completing and submitting a Registration Card and the required proof of residency as well as maintaining immunization requirements set by the Department of State Health Services.

- Admission will not be denied due to children not being admitted to the United States.

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