

December 21, 2007

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School Operations

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SCHOOL BOARD RULE:
 INITIAL READING 6Gx13- 5D-1.081, STANDARDS FOR
 STUDENT CONDUCT**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
 ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE STUDENT SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL
 SKILLS**

At its October 17, 2007 meeting, the School Board approved Agenda item H-3 presented by Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board member directing the Superintendent and the Board Attorney to review the provisions of Senate Bill 1604 (SB 1604), along with pertinent Florida Statutes. Subsequently, the School Board Attorney conducted a comprehensive review of SB 1604 and other statutes. At its December 19, 2007 meeting, the School Board approved Agenda Item G-2, recommending that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida receive the report of the recommendations of the School Board Attorney with respect to incorporating the relevant aspects of the SB 1604 in pertinent District documents and policies and authorize the Superintendent to begin rulemaking to implement the changes.

The proposed amendment to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 5D-1.081, Standards of Student Behavior, will reflect pertinent provisions of SB 1604 and incorporate appropriate notification to students about the aspects of the bill, which will be included in a violation in the Code of Student Conduct.

Senate Bill 1604, enacted in 2007, among other things, allows for the possibility that minors convicted or adjudicated delinquent for certain sex offenses may be required to register as a sexual predator or sex offender.

This item is submitted for consideration by the Board to amend School Board Rule 6Gx13- 5D-1.081, Standards of Student Behavior. In addition, consideration is requested to amend pages to the documents, **Code of Student Conduct Elementary** and **Code of Student Conduct Secondary**, which are incorporated by reference and a part of this rule.

Attached are the Notice of Intended Action, the proposed amendment to the rule, and the proposed amended pages to the documents, **Code of Student Conduct Elementary** and **Code of Student Conduct Secondary**. Changes from the current rule are indicated by underscoring words to be added and ~~striking through~~ words to be deleted.

Authorization of the Board is requested for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for the amendment of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 5D-1.081, Standards for Student Conduct.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend School Board Rule 6Gx13- 5D-1.081, Standards for Student Conduct, and pages to the documents, **Code of Student Conduct Elementary** and **Code of Student Conduct Secondary**, which are incorporated by reference and made part of this rule.

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NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced January 16, 2008, its intention to amend School Board Rule, 6Gx13- 5D-1.081, Standards for Student Behavior, and the documents, **Code of Student Conduct Elementary** and **Code of Student Conduct Secondary**, which are incorporated by reference and made part of this rule, at its meeting of March 12, 2008.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To amend School Board Rule 6Gx13- 5D-1.081, Standards of Student Behavior, and pages to the documents, **Code of Student Conduct Elementary** and **Code of Student Conduct Secondary**. The revisions will reflect vital alerts regarding the possible consequences for minors convicted or adjudicated delinquent for certain sex offenses.

SUMMARY: The proposed amended pages to the documents, **Code of Student Conduct Elementary** and **Code of Student Conduct Secondary**, reflect pertinent changes in the law resulting from passage of Senate Bill 1604, which among other things, allows for the possibility that minors convicted or adjudicated delinquent for certain sex offenses may be required to register as a sexual predator or sex offender.

SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED: 1001.41(1)(2); 1001.42(23); 1001.43(10), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC:

39.201; 39.201(2)(a); 39.301(16); 39.401; 39.401(1)(a); 119.07(1)(3)(h); 120; 322.091; 561.01(4); 741.24; 775.082; 775.083; 775.084; 775.21; 790.001(13); 790.115; 790.161; 790.162; 790.163; 794.011; 794.024; 794.03; 806.13(2); 810.097; 827.03; 827.04; 827.071; 831.31; 893; 893.02; 893.03; 893.13; 901.15(3); 943.0435; 985.04(7); 985.101; 985.481; 985.557; 1000.04; 1001.31; 1001.42(6); 1001.43(1)(6); 1003.01; 1003.02(1)(c)(2); 1003.04; 1003.31; 1003.32; 1006.07; 1006.08; 1006.09; 1006.10 and 1006.13 F.S.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE BOARD MEETING of March 12, 2008, which begins at 1:00 p.m., in the School Board Auditorium, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132. Persons requesting such a hearing or who wish to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), F.S., must do so in writing by February 12, 2008, to the Superintendent of Schools, Room 912, at the same address.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL THE DECISION made by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, with respect to this action will need to ensure the preparation of a verbatim record of the proceedings, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes).

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED RULE is available at cost to the public for inspection and copying in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Originator: Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman
Date: December 21, 2007

Welfare**STANDARDS FOR STUDENT CONDUCT**

A primary objective of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is to enhance students' potential for learning and to foster positive interpersonal relationships. M-DCPS embraces the concept that students who possess personal, academic, civic and occupational adequacies will become effective and productive citizens. Schools are charged to promote a positive school climate that supports academic achievement and emphasizes civility, fairness, mutual respect, and acceptance of diversity. Core values and model student behavior serve as a standard for all students.

- I. School Board rules are applicable to all students under the jurisdiction of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and are augmented by the **Code of Student Conduct Elementary** and the **Code of Student Conduct Secondary**, which are incorporated by reference in this School Board Rule, and are a part hereof. Copies of these documents are on file in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, and the Citizen Information Center, and shall be available in each school and special center.

- II. Additional guidelines for the maintenance of appropriate student behavior are issued by memorandum from the District administration.

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History:

New: 11-20-07

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Code of Student Conduct

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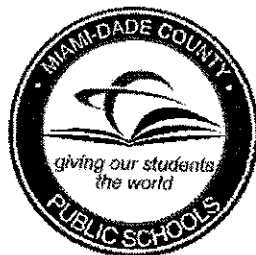


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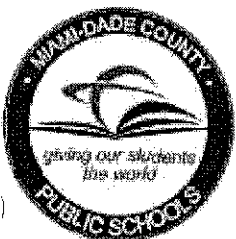
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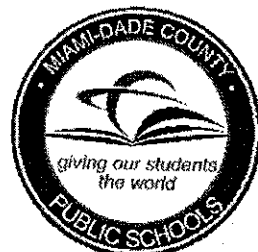


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