**\*\* Please use these conversation starters and spend some time to discuss with your students. \*\***

**Student Code of Conduct**

**The Student Code of Conduct is a document designed to promote a positive educational experience for all students and can be found on numerous school and district websites.** <http://www.eanesisd.net/students-and-parents/enrollment/docs/SCOC>

It is a legally binding document that students and parents are asked to review and agree to during enrollment.

* Discuss: *It’s important for students and parents to understand the content of the SCC. Why?*

**Eanes ISD and Westlake High School expect 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
7. Promote a safe environment

**Among other things, each student is expected to:**

* Be honest
* Attend all classes, regularly and on time
* Be prepared for each class
* Be appropriately dressed and groomed as outlined in the campus student handbook
* Cooperate with and/or assist school staff in maintaining safety, order and discipline

*Note: the District retains discretion to address student misconduct, even if that specific type of conduct is not specifically named or included in the SCC.*

Discuss: *Why are these themes important?*

**When are the rules of the SCC in place?** In addition to the disciplinary authority established for certain types of offenses as described within the SCC, the District has general disciplinary authority over a student at the following times:

* At any time during the school day
* While traveling on district owned or operated transportation or during school-related travel
* While attending any school-sponsored or school-related activity, regardless of time or location
* As provided in extracurricular or organization handbooks, by-laws, or constitutions
* During lunch periods, including those in which a student leaves the campus
* While on District property at any time during or outside the school day
* For any school-related misconduct, regardless of time or location
* Other off campus conduct as permitted by Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code
* For certain offenses committed within 300 feet of school property as measured from any point on the school’s real property boundary line
* When retaliation against a school employee or volunteer occurs or is threatened, regardless of time or location
* If the student is a registered sex offender

**What does the School or District have the authority to search?**

A student’s:

* Clothing
* Personal property
* Electronic equipment
* Method of transportation
* School property used by the student (such as lockers or desks)

may be searched when there is reasonable suspicion to believe the search will reveal articles or materials prohibited by the District. **Students are responsible for ensuring that any personal property, method of transportation or school property used by the student does not contain prohibited items.** Students may be disciplined for possession of prohibited items discovered during a search.

Discuss: *Why is it important to note that students are responsible for ensuring that personal property, etc does not contain prohibited items?*

**What types of disciplinary actions can the School or District take, and why?**

Discipline is designed to correct student behavior and encourage students to adhere to their responsibilities as members of the school community. The District may use any one or a combination of the following strategies or techniques to manage student behavior, prevent or intervene in discipline problems, or address violations of the SCC, campus, or classroom rules:

* Verbal correction
* Seating changes
* Parent conferences, including telephone calls
* Removal from the classroom
* Contracts to modify student behavior
* Sending the student to the office or other area
* Assignment of school-related tasks or duties
* Calming-down time
* Demerits or rewards
* Confiscation of items
* School probation
* Restitution to the District or an individual
* Transfer to a different classroom or campus
* Revocation or restriction of transportation privileges
* Loss or restriction of privileges, participation or membership in co-curricular or extracurricular activities, and seeking or holding honorary positions
* Counseling by teachers, counselors, or administrators
* In-school suspension
* Out-of-school suspension
* Placement in a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP)
* Expulsion
* Consequences identified in co-curricular or extracurricular codes of conduct, constitutions, or bylaws
* Detention
* Mediation
* Other strategies and consequences determined by school officials to be appropriate and designed to further the goals outlined in this SCC

**In addition to the SCC:**

* 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.

**Ask Students to review the SCC.**

* Discuss: What other key takeaways did you learn while reviewing the SCC?

**Be a good citizen. Exercise self-control. Respect yourself. Respect those around you. Promote a safe environment.**