

Project SAVE: School Conduct and Discipline Code

**Public Hearing
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Committee Work

- SAVE Committee Met 4 times
 - Topics:
 - Current Code Language
 - Changes to Current Code
 - Restorative Practices

Restorative Practices

- New addition to KenTon's Code
 - Focuses on "who was hurt" not "what was done"
 - Solution Focused Process where victim and offender work through the event
 - Alternative Disciplinary Outcome
 - Added to Preface and within Disciplinary Options

Restorative Practices

- Added Language to Preface
 - “Our community also believes that when a student has difficulties adhering to our expectations it is the responsibility of the community to restore justice and educate all individuals involved in order to correct behavior and ensure all behavioral expectations are followed moving forward.”
- Added a Disciplinary Option
 - “Teachers principals, and the Superintendent may use Restorative Justice in lieu of or in addition to other consequences such as suspension. The consequence involves having any offender meet with individual or groups affected by the incident to restore justice and reinforce the expected behavior. During the session, the collective group will discuss the incident, ramifications, and decide on additional consequences if necessary.”

Recommended Revisions

- Student Appearance Code

- Tops

- “Modest tanks are appropriate as long as the chest and back areas are covered...”

- Bottoms

- “Ripped or cut up pants that reveal undergarments or show skin in an area between the upper chest and mid-thigh are prohibited.”
 - Removes the “finger length rule”
 - Mirrors other regional codes

Recommended Revisions

- Addition of “**smartwatches**” to unauthorized use of personal electronic devices
- Replacement of “Gender” with “**Gender/Gender Identity**”
- Addition of “**text messages**” & “**direct or indirect communication**” to definition of Sexual Harassment

Thank you SAVE Committee!

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- Robin Zymroz, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, & Student Services
- Darcy France, Teacher
- Mike Fiels, Teacher
- Kristine Pieczonka, Social Worker
- Larry Scott, School Psychologist
- Jill Ackerman, Teacher Aide
- Dawn Stinner, Parent
- Bill Dimmig, Parent
- Officer Coffey, Town of Tonawanda Police Department
- Cameron Becigneul, Student, Kenmore East
- Eve Vitello, Student, Kenmore West
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Questions or Comments