

In February 2017, the AISD board of trustees approved changes to the district's student disciplinary policy to prohibit any home suspension, placement in alternative education program, or expulsion for students below 3rd grade, except "when required by law or for behavior that represents a clear and present danger of physical injury to the student, other students or school personnel" (AISD board of trustees, 2017).

The board stated that the policy change was intended to support the implementation of nonpunitive disciplinary practices and to create a more responsive, supportive learning environment. The press release stated that "additional staf will support campuses as they address discipline challenges and students' behavior skill development, and will deliver professional learning to campus administrators and teachers."

The press release can be found on the AISD <u>website</u>



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