

Midway ISD Student Handbook - 2026-2027 Update
Guide to Changes Table

*Non-substantive changes such as acronyms, dates, or minor wording changes to enhance readability were not included in this change table.
New or updated language is in **purple font**
Deleted text from the previous year's handbook is in **red font**
Rationale for the change is highlighted in **yellow***

Topic	Page	Description of Change
Table of Contents		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated after revisions
Opting Out of Advanced Mathematics in Grades 6-8	14	<p>The district will automatically enroll a student in grade 6 in the 6th grade advanced mathematics course.</p> <p>Enrollment in an advanced mathematics course in grade 6 will enable students to enroll in Algebra I in grade 8 and advanced mathematics in grades 9-12.</p> <p>To inquire about opting out of 6th grade advanced mathematics, parents may schedule a meeting with their child's principal.</p> <p>Updated language to reflect a change in practice.</p>
A Student Who Has Learning Difficulties or Who Needs Special Education or Section 504 Services	26	<p>For those students who are having difficulty in the regular classroom, all school districts must consider tutorial, compensatory, and other academic or behavior support services that are available to all students, through the district's multi-tiered system of academic and behavioral supports (MTSS). The provision of these intervention and support services, which might include (RTI) process, can have an impact on the ability of the district to meet the needs of all students.</p> <p>TEA's written explanation of options and requirements for assisting students with learning difficulties or who may need special education or Section 504 services must be provided each school year in the Student Handbook or by another means. This updated language includes MTSS services in addition to RTI services</p>
Child Abuse, Neglect, School Staff Misconduct, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children (All Grade Levels)	38	<p>The district has established a plan for addressing child abuse, neglect, school staff misconduct, trafficking, and other maltreatment of children, which may be initiated by contacting the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)/Child Protective Services (CPS). The plan is available at www.midwayisd.org. Abuse includes physical abuse, including sexual abuse, and psychological and emotional abuse. Trafficking includes both sex and labor trafficking.</p> <p>Language added due to SB 571 June 2025</p>

<p>Possible Warning Signs of Child Abuse, Neglect, School Staff Misconduct, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children</p>	<p>39</p>	<p><i>School Staff Misconduct</i></p> <p>Possible warning signs of school staff misconduct include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inappropriate boundaries or communications with a student, including inappropriate relationships ● Violating school or district communication policies, such as improper use of messaging apps or social media ● Showing favoritism toward certain students in a way that compromises fairness or student well being ● Creating, using, or sharing inappropriate AI-generated images involving students or staff ● Neglecting, abusing, or physically harming a student ● Providing alcohol or drugs to a student ● Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs while on school property or during school events ● Possessing a weapon on school property or during school activities ● Committing a felony ● Engaging in fraudulent or deceptive practices involving the school system or State Board of Education Certification (SBEC) <p>Language added due to SB 571 June 2025</p>
<p>College and University Admissions and Financial Aid (All Grade Levels)</p>	<p>43</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beginning in the fall of 2028, achieves a score set by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on a college entrance examination designated by coordinating board rules. <p>Beginning in the fall of 2028, according to state law, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will determine which exams, and the requisite scores, should be used for criterion as admission to Texas public high education institutions.</p>
<p>Grading Guidelines (All Grade Levels)</p>	<p>67-74</p>	<p>Details have been added to the Grading Guidelines for K-2, 6-8, and 9-12. The information is not new nor have grading guidelines changed; the handbook now contains more detail compared to previous years.</p>
<p>Private Spaces</p>	<p>96</p>	<p>In accordance with law, the district shall designate each multiple-occupancy private space in a building the district owns, operates, or controls for use only by individuals of one sex.</p> <p>Multiple-occupancy private space means a facility designed or designated for simultaneous use by more than one individual and in which an individual may be in a state of undress in the presence of another individual, regardless whether the facility provides curtains or partial walls for privacy. The term includes a restroom, locker room, changing room, or shower room.</p> <p>State law requires the district to designate private spaces in accordance with law. The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations to ensure compliance with law and policy.</p>

Unauthorized Persons	114	<p>In accordance with Education Code 37.105, a school administrator, school resource officer (SRO), or district police officer has the authority to refuse entry to or eject a person from district property if the person refuses to leave peaceably on request and either of the following applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The person poses a substantial risk of harm to any person• The person behaves in a manner that is inappropriate for a school setting and persists in the behavior after being given a verbal warning that the behavior is inappropriate and may result in refusal of entry or ejection. <p>A verbal warning and persistent inappropriate behavior are not required for a person serving as a referee, judge, or other official of an extracurricular athletic activity or competition sponsored or sanctioned by the school district or UIL to eject a spectator.</p> <p>Appeals regarding refusal of entry or ejection from district property may be filed in accordance with policies FNG(LOCAL) or GF(LOCAL).</p> <p>Updated per GKA(LEGAL) November 4, 2025</p>
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