

The common goal of the Hearing Office of Southwest Independent School District is to assure that all students who come before a hearing have a fair, impartial, and just process.

Student placements are handled with understanding and knowledge that their educational success will adhere to District, State, and Federal mandates.

Our schools are an important part of community life and as such deserve the great support that the Hearing Office extends to each campus to maintain the safety, success, and moral superiority of their students, faculty, administration, and staff.

The Hearing Office will continue to meet and resolve the students' hearings presented by each campus with utmost sensitivity and sincerity to achieve not only a "common ground agreement" result, but rather a "win-win" result for all stakeholders.

"The world is round and the place which may seem like the end, may also be the beginning."

- Ivy Baker Priest



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It is the policy of Southwest ISD not to discriminate on the basis of age, race, religion, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.



Pupil Services





Major Responsibilities & Duties of the Office

- Conduct disciplinary hearings and JJAEP placements for Southwest ISD
- Directs and supervises the placement of students in the Southwest Alternative School, Boot Camp, Juvenile Justice Academy, and other placements
- Interpret policies, procedures, and data regarding student discipline services
- Review transfer student records for Non Traditional Enrollments (NTE) to SWISD schools from JJAEP and other alternatives educational programs / placements
- Receives, researches, and responds to incoming questions or concerns; provides information, explains policy and procedures, and / or facilitates a resolution
- Works to resolve conflict smoothly, promptly, effectively, efficiently, and as justly as possible

Types of Placements after Hearing

- Level I (ISS) In School Suspension is a consequence recommended by campus administration following the Student Code of Conduct and is completed on campus

- Level II (OSS) Out of School Suspension is a consequence recommended by campus administration following the Student Code of Conduct and is completed off campus
- District Alternative Educational Program (DAEP) is a consequence recommended by the District Hearing Office following the Student Code of Conduct where the student is removed from the home campus and placed at the District Alternative School for :
 1. Short Term (29 days or less)
 2. Long Term (30 days or more and up to a full calendar year)
- SWISD Boot Camp (BC) Is a consequence recommended by the District Hearing Office following the Student Code of Conduct where the student is removed from home campus and placed at the District Boot Camp for forty five (45) days
- Juvenile Justice Alternative Educational Program (JJAEP) Is a consequence recommended by the District Hearing Office following the Student Code of Conduct where the student is expelled from home campus and placed at the JJAEP for up to 177 school days, both mandatory and discretionary expulsion.

Function

The Hearing office is located in building 502, Room 12. This office serves as a support to campuses and the community in the areas of Discipline, Compulsory Attendance, Student Enrollment, Family Code, and Safe Schools.

Mission

The mission of the Southwest ISD Hearing Office is to support the efforts of the District and the Community in providing a safe school environment for all students and staff members

Governed by:

- Southwest Independent School District Student Code of Conduct
- Chapter 37 Discipline Law and Order
- Title 5 Felony Offenses of the Texas Penal Code

