

## PROHIBITED CONDUCT

The following discipline code applies to the behavior of all district students while attending school, and/or on school grounds, in school buildings, and/or participating in school-sponsored activities. Serious or flagrant violations of the district's code of conduct can result in an immediate hearing with the Superintendent or Board of Education.

A student may be suspended from school or be subjected to other forms of disciplinary action when such student:

1. engages in conduct which is:
  - a. disorderly, i.e.:
    - (1) fighting or engaging in violent behavior,
    - (2) threatening another with bodily harm,
    - (3) intimidating students or school personnel,
    - (4) making unreasonable noise,
    - (5) using abusive language or gestures, including racial or ethnic remarks which are improper,
    - (6) obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic, or
    - (7) creating a hazardous or physically offensive condition by any act which serves no legitimate purpose; or is
  - b. insubordinate, i.e., failing to comply with the lawful directions of teachers, school administrators or other school employees in charge of the student, or missing or leaving school without permission; or
2. engages in any of the following forms of academic misconduct:
  - a. tardiness,
  - b. missing or leaving school without permission, and/or
  - c. plagiarism; or
3. engages in conduct violative of the Board's rules and regulations for the maintenance of public order on school property, i.e.:
  - a. vandalism or any destruction of real and/or personal property (including graffiti or arson),
  - b. theft,
  - c. truancy,
  - d. possession/use/sale of drugs or alcohol,
  - e. possession of weapons or fireworks,
  - f. possession or use of tobacco or tobacco products,
  - g. gambling, or
  - h. hazing.

Chronic cases of truancy shall necessitate a Person in Need of Supervision (PINS) petition.

*Trespassing*

A student is not permitted in any school building, other than the one that he/she regularly attends, without permission from the administrator in charge of the building. Should a student be found in a building without permission, the necessary authorities may be called and trespassing charges may be lodged against the student.

Cross-ref: 1520, Public Conduct on School Property  
5300, Student Conduct  
5311.4, Care of School Property by Students  
5313, Penalties

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## PROHIBITED CONDUCT REGULATION

Due to the fact that infractions vary in severity, they have been divided into three groups or classes. A Class I Offense is the most severe. A Class II Offense is less severe and a Class III Offense is least severe.

### A. Student Conduct Offenses Defined

1. Class I Offenses
  - a. possession/consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, while on school property or under school supervision;
  - b. theft or vandalism;
  - c. assault upon a staff member or other student;
  - d. chronic truancy (three or more occurrences);
  - e. continued commission of class one offenses (three or more reported occurrences);
  - f. smoking or use of tobacco products on school property;
  - g. having in their possession any rifle, shotgun, pistol, revolver, other firearm, ammunition, or weapon (such as knives, billy club, etc.) without authorization of the Superintendent whether or not a license to possess same has been issued to such person;
  - h. commission of a violent criminal act endangering the health and safety of others; and
  - i. continued commission of Class II offenses (two or more reported occurrences).

Deliberate acts of disrespect (insubordination) toward those in authority shall not be permitted. The severity of this offense (Class I-III) is at the discretion of the person reporting the incident.

### *Dangerous Behavior*

Some student behavior may present a danger to themselves or to others. Dangerous behavior by a student shall be immediately reported to the Building Principal. The Principal is responsible for investigating and resolving the situation. Dangerous situations may include the following:

1. possession/consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or illegal drugs; being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while on school property or under school supervision;
2. theft, vandalism or arson;
3. assault upon a staff member or other student;
4. chronic truancy (three or more occurrences);
5. possession of a rifle, shotgun, pistol revolver, other firearms and/or ammunition, or any other weapon (e.g., knives, billyclubs, etc.);
6. commission of a criminal act endangering the health and safety of others.

2. Class II Offenses
  - a. truancy;
  - b. continued smoking or possession of cigarettes, cigars, or other tobacco products on school property or while under school supervision (second reported occurrence);
  - c. fighting (pushing, wrestling, or punching in a building, on a vehicle or at a supervised activity);
  - d. commission of non-violent criminal acts which by their nature constitute a violation of state or federal statute;
  - e. gambling on school property. Money and gambling devices will be confiscated;
  - f. forging of papers or passes;
  - g. insubordination; and
  - h. continued commission of class one offenses (second occurrence).

Class II offenses shall be immediately reported to the Building Principal who will investigate and resolve the matter.

3. Class III Offenses
  - a. misconduct in class;
  - b. disorderly conduct in buildings, on grounds, or in vehicles;
  - c. refusal to follow directions of staff member;
  - d. tardiness;
  - e. isolated instance of smoking; and
  - f. conduct detrimental to proper school order.

With regard to the aforementioned Class III offenses, the following rules, in particular, shall be observed by all students:

1. There will be no obscene, abusive or disrespectful language, gestures, clothing, buttons/pins in school.
2. Hands and feet will not be used to hurt , intimidate or annoy others.
3. "Blasters", walk-man radios and all other radios and tape recorders shall not be allowed on school grounds. Such items shall be turned in to the school office at the start of school and will be returned to the owner at the end of the day.
4. There will be no physical displays of affection on school property (e.g., kissing, groping, etc.).
5. Students shall not be at a location other than that scheduled without an authorized pass.
6. Students shall not be late to school and/or classes. Students must be in class on time--before the last bell.
7. There will be no running in the corridors.
8. Littering is not allowed. This includes anything left on the tables or the floor of the lunchroom.
9. Students may not bring beverages to school in resealable containers. This includes bottles with screw-on caps. Such items shall be confiscated.

Class III offenses are the initial responsibility of the staff member supervising the student. In the event that the staff member is unable to correct the immediate situation and/or the problem continues, the matter is to be referred to the Building Principal who shall be responsible for resolving the problem.

Two (2) Class III offenses in one week shall equal one (1) Class II offense. This shall result in the imposition of one half-day of in-school suspension or other alternative including after-school detention.

Two (2) Class II offenses shall equal one (1) Class I offense. This shall result in the imposition of one or more days of in-school suspension, as deemed appropriate by the Principal. After-school detention may be utilized as an alternative disciplining measure.

A Class I offense will result in the imposition of one day of in-school suspension or one day or after-school detention (ASD) as an alternative discipline measure.

In addition to these rules of behavior, students shall be reminded that the school is generally accepted to be a formal setting and students are to act accordingly. Students shall not place feet on furniture, no hats shall be worn in the building, no spitting or barefeet will be permitted.

Cross-ref: 5310-R, Student Discipline Regulation

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