



Book	Policy Manual
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Purpose

The Board recognizes that misbehavior by students has a negative impact on the education process, and has established fair and reasonable rules and regulations to define and prohibit student misbehavior not covered by other specific student discipline policies.[1]

Authority

The following offenses, whether on school property or at a school sponsored event, may lead to loss of extracurricular activities, suspension from school by the principal, an alternative placement, or expulsion from school by the Board of School Directors, in accordance with Board policy. [2][3][4][5]

1. Offenses Involving Danger to Persons or Property – including: (1) assault, (2) possession of weapons and dangerous instruments, (3) theft, (4) damaging or unauthorized use of school property, (5) trespassing, (6) making threats directed against the schools which involve potential danger to persons or property, (7) bullying behaviors.[6][7][8][9]
2. Offenses Involving Chemical Substances – including: (1) possession of alcohol, marijuana or electronic cigarettes (2) possession, use or distribution of a drug or controlled substance under circumstances that constitute violation of the law, (3) other activities which constitute violations of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, (4) smoking and possession or use of tobacco in any form.[10][11]
3. Offenses Against Public Order and Decency – including: (1) using contemptuous words, (2) behaving with disrespect in language or deportment, (3) disobeying a lawful command, regulation or school policy, (4) fighting, (5) making unreasonable noise, (6) using obscene language, (7) creating a hazardous condition, (8) gambling, (9) violating the Dress Code.[12]
4. Offenses Against Orderly Operation of the Schools – including: (1) cutting of classes, excessive unexcused absences or tardiness, (2) harassing or annoying a school employee, harassing and/or bullying another student, (3) making a false statement or representation, (4) causing disruption to the good order and discipline of the school.[9][13][16][17][18]

In the case of a student with a disability, including a student for whom an evaluation is pending, the district shall take all steps required to comply with state and federal laws and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.[14][15][16][19][20][21]

Delegation of Responsibility

Violations of the preceding policies may be reported to the Superintendent. The Superintendent or designee shall report such matters to the local police and shall implement school/police protocols. Such action shall be in compliance with state law and regulations and with the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials and the district's emergency preparedness plan.[21][22][23]