

Students

Student Behavior

Definition

For purposes of this policy, the term “possession” includes having control, custody, or care, currently or in the past, of an object or substance, including situations in which the item is:

- a. on the student’s person;
- b. contained in another item belonging to, or under the control of, the student, such as in the student’s clothing, backpack, or automobile;
- c. in a school’s student locker, desk, or other school property; or
- d. at any location on school property or at a school-sponsored event

Prohibited Student Conduct

The school administration is authorized to discipline students for gross disobedience or misconduct, including but not limited to:

1. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling tobacco
2. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling nicotine materials including but not limited to electronic cigarettes and/or vapor devices.
3. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling alcoholic beverages. Students who are under the influence of an alcoholic beverage are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had alcohol in their possession.
4. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, selling, or offering for sale:
 - a. Any illegal drug, controlled substance, or cannabis (including marijuana, hashish and medical cannabis unless the student is authorized to be administered a medical cannabis infused product under *Ashley’s Law*).
 - b. Any anabolic steroid unless being administered in accordance with a physician’s or licensed practitioner’s prescription.
 - c. Any prescription drug when not prescribed for the student by a physician or licensed practitioner, or when used in a manner inconsistent with the prescription or prescribing physician’s or licensed practitioner’s instructions. The use or possession of medical cannabis, even by a student for whom medical cannabis has been prescribed, is prohibited unless the student is authorized to be administered a medical cannabis infused product under *Ashley’s Law*.
 - d. Any inhalant, regardless of whether it contains an illegal drug or controlled substance:
 - i. that a student believes is, or represents to be capable of, causing intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system; or
 - ii. about which the student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student intended the inhalant to cause intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system. The prohibition in this section does not apply to a student’s use of asthma or other legally prescribed inhalant medications.
 - e. “Look-alike” or counterfeit drugs, including a substance that is not prohibited by this policy, but one:
 - i. that a student believes to be, or represents to be, an illegal drug or controlled substance that is not prohibited by this policy, or
 - ii. about which a student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student expressly or impliedly represented to be an illegal drug or controlled substance.
 - f. Drug paraphernalia, including devices that are or can be used to:

- i. ingest, inhale, or inject cannabis or controlled substances into the body; and
 - ii. grow, process, store, or conceal cannabis or controlled substances. Students who are under the influence of any prohibited substance are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had the prohibited substance, as applicable, in their possession.
- g. Any substance inhaled, injected, smoked, consumed, or otherwise ingested or absorbed with the intention of causing a physiological or psychological change in the body, including but not limited to pure caffeine in tablet or powdered form.
5. Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring a “weapon” as that term is defined in the *Weapons* section of this policy, or violating the *Weapons*-section of this policy.
6. Using or possessing an electronic paging device. Using a cellular telephone, video recording device, personal digital assistant (PDA), or other electronic device in any manner that disrupts the educational environment or violates the rights of others, including using the device to take photographs in locker rooms or bathrooms, cheat, or otherwise violate student conduct rules.

Prohibited conduct specifically includes, but is not limited to creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing indecent visual depiction of oneself or another person through the use of a computer, electronic communication device, or cellular phone.

Unless otherwise banned under this policy or by the Building Principal, all electronic devices must be kept powered-off and out-of-sight during the regular school day unless:

- a. the supervising teacher, or principal grants permission;
 - b. use of the device is provided in a student’s individualized education program (IEP); or
 - c. it is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals.
7. Using or possessing a laser pointer unless under a staff member’s direct supervision and in the context of instruction.
8. Disobeying rules of student conduct or directives from staff members or school officials. Examples of disobeying staff directives include refusing a District staff member’s request to stop, present school identification, or submit to a search.
9. Engaging in academic dishonesty, including cheating, intentionally plagiarizing, wrongfully giving or receiving help during an academic examination, altering report cards and or progress reports, and wrongfully obtaining test copies or scores.
10. Engaging in hazing or any kind of bullying or aggressive behavior that does physical or psychological harm to another or any urging of other students to engage in such conduct. Prohibited conduct includes any use of violence, force, noise, coercion, threats, intimidation, fear, harassment, hazing, or other comparable conduct.
- Prohibited conduct specifically includes, but is not limited to engaging in any sexual activity, offensive touching, sexual harassment, indecent exposure (including mooning), and sexual assault. This does not include the non-disruptive expression of gender or sexual orientation or preference.
11. Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school property or another person’s personal property.
12. Entering secured school property or a school facility without authorization.
13. Being absent without a recognized excuse; State law and Board policy regarding truancy control will be used with chronic and habitual truants.
14. Being involved with any public school fraternity, sorority, or secret society, by:
- a. being a member;
 - b. promising to join;
 - c. pledging to become a member; or
 - d. soliciting any other person to join, promise to join, or be pledged to become a member.

15. Being involved in gangs or gang-related activities, including displaying gang symbols or paraphernalia.
16. Violating any criminal law, including but not limited to, assault, battery, arson, theft, gambling, eavesdropping, and hazing.
17. Making an explicit threat on an Internet website that is accessible during school hours against a student, school employee, or other school-related personnel and the threat is reasonably interpreted as harmful to the safety and security of the threatened individual(s).
18. Engaging in any activity, on or off campus, that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function, including but not limited to, conduct that may reasonably be considered to:
 - a. be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member; or
 - b. endanger the health or safety of students, staff, or school property.
19. Calling emergency responders (such as 911) including but not limited to setting off alarms/signals indicating the presence of an emergency when no emergency exists, or indicating the presence of a bomb/explosive device on school grounds, on a school bus, or at any school activity.
20. Operating an unmanned aircraft system or drone for any purpose on school grounds or at any school event unless grant permission by the Superintendent or designee.

Efforts, including the use of early intervention and progressive discipline, shall be made to deter students, while at school or a school-related event, from engaging in aggressive behavior that may reasonably produce physical or physiological harm to someone else.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the parent/guardian of a student who engages in aggressive behavior is notified of the incident.

The failure to provide such notification does not limit the Board's authority to impose discipline, including suspension or expulsion, for such behavior.

No disciplinary action shall be taken against any student that is based totally or in part on the refusal of the student's parent/guardian to administer or consent to the administration of psychotropic or psychostimulant medication to the student.

The grounds for disciplinary action, including those described more thoroughly later in this policy, apply whenever the student's conduct is reasonably related to school or school activities, including but not limited to:

1. On, or within sight of, school grounds before, during, or after school hours or at any time;
2. Off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school;
3. Traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event; or
4. Anywhere, if the conduct interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function, including but not limited to, conduct that may reasonably be considered to:
 - a. be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member; or
 - b. endanger the health or safety of students, staff, or school property.

Disciplinary Measures

Disciplinary measures may include:

1. Notification of parents/guardians
2. Temporary removal from the classroom
3. Disciplinary conference
4. Withholding of privileges

5. After-school study or Saturday study, provided student's parent(s)/guardian(s) has been notified. If transportation arrangements cannot be agreed upon, an alternative disciplinary measure must be used.
If this plan is used, the student must be supervised by detaining teacher, building principal, or designee.
6. In-school suspension for a period not to exceed 5 school days. The building principal or designee shall ensure that the student is properly supervised.
7. Suspension of bus riding privileges, providing that appropriate procedures are followed.
8. Out of School Suspension from school and all school activities in accordance with Board Policy 7:20, Suspension Procedures. A student who has been suspended will be restricted from being on school grounds unless granted permission by the principal of the school.
9. Expulsion from school and all school activities for a definite time period not exceed 2 calendar years in accordance with Board Policy 7:210, Expulsion Procedures. A student who has been expelled will be restricted from being on school grounds and at school activities for the duration of the expulsion.
10. Transfer to an alternative program (i.e. Safe Schools Program) if the student is expelled or otherwise qualifies under State law.
11. Community service with local public and nonprofit agencies that enhance efforts to meet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs.
 - a. School administration shall use this option only as an alternative to another disciplinary measure, giving the student and/or parent/guardian the choice.
 - b. The district will not provide transportation for community service.
12. Seizure of contraband which may lead to confiscation and temporary retention of personal property that was used to violate this policy or school disciplinary rules
13. Notification of juvenile authorities or other law enforcement whenever conduct involves criminal activity including but not limited to illegal drugs (controlled substances), "look-alikes" alcohol, or weapons, or in circumstances as otherwise authorized by the Courts, or juvenile authorities.

A student who is subject to a suspension in excess of 20 school days or an expulsion may be immediately transferred to an alternative program in the manner provided in Article 13A or 13B of the School Code. Corporal punishment shall not be used.

Corporal punishment is defined as slapping, paddling, or prolonged maintenance of students in physically painful positions, or intentional infliction of bodily harm.

Corporal punishment does not include reasonable force as needed to maintain safety for students, staff, or other persons, or for the purpose of self-defense or defense of property.

Weapons

A student who uses, possesses, controls, or transfers a weapon, or any other object that can reasonably be considered, or looks like, a weapon, shall be expelled for at least one calendar year, but no more than 2 calendar years.

The Superintendent may modify the expulsion period and the Board may modify the Superintendent's determination, on a case-by-case basis. A "weapon" means possession, use, control, or transfer of:

1. any gun, rifle, shotgun, a weapon as defined by Section 921 of Title 18, United States Code, firearm as defined in Section 1.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Act, or use of a weapon as defined in Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code;
2. any other object if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm, including but not limited to, knives, brass knuckles, billy clubs; or
3. "look-alikes" of any weapon as defined above. Any item, such as a baseball bat, pipe, bottle, lock, stick, pencil, and pen, is considered to be a weapon if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm. The Superintendent or designee may grant an exception to this policy, upon the prior request of an adult supervisor,

for students in theatre, cooking, ROTC, martial arts, and similar programs, whether or not school-sponsored, provided the item is not equipped, nor intended, to do bodily harm.

Required Notices

A school staff member shall immediately notify the office of the Building Principal in the event that he or she:

1. observes any person in possession of a firearm on or around school grounds; however, such action may be delayed if immediate notice would endanger students under his or her supervision,
2. observes or has reason to suspect that any person on school grounds is or was involved in a drug-related incident, or
3. observes a battery committed against any staff member.

Upon receiving such a report, the Building Principal or designee shall immediately notify the local law enforcement agency, State Police, and any involved student's parent/guardian. "School grounds" includes modes of transportation to school activities and any public way within 1000 feet of the school, as well as school property itself.

Delegation of Authority

Each teacher and any other school personnel may temporarily remove students from a classroom for disruptive behavior when students are under his or her supervision.

Reasonable force may be used to maintain safety for self-defense, safety of students, school personnel or other persons.

Teachers, educational paraprofessionals, or other certificated employees may use reasonable force to help curtail disruptive behavior.

The Superintendent, building principal, or assistant principal is authorized to impose the same disciplinary measures as teachers.

Provided that appropriate procedures are followed, the Superintendent, building principal, or assistant principal above may suspend students guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct by:

1. Removing student from all school functions
2. Revoking bus riding privileges up to 10 days

Suspension of a student from riding the bus in excess of 10 school days because of safety concerns must be approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Student Handbook

The Superintendent or designee, with input from the parent-teacher advisory committee, shall prepare disciplinary rules implementing the District's disciplinary policies. These disciplinary rules shall be presented annually to the Board for its review and approval.

A student handbook, including the District disciplinary policies and rules, shall be distributed to the students' parents/guardians within 15 days of the beginning of the school year or a student's enrollment.

LEGAL REF.: Gun-Free Schools Act, 20 U.S.C. §7151 et seq.
 Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. §6081.
 105 ILCS 5/10-20.5b, 5/10-20.14, 5/10-20.28, 5/10-20.36, 5/10-21.7, 5/10-21.10, 5/10-22.6, 5/10-27.1A, 5/10-27.1B, 5/24-24, 5/26-12, 5/27-23.7, and 5/31-3, 410 ILCS 130/Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program, 410 ILCS 647/, Powdered Caffeine Control and Education Act.
 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.280.

CROSS REF.: 2:150 (Committees), 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 5:230 (Maintaining Student Discipline), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 7:70 (Attendance and Truancy), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:140 (Search and Seizure), 7:150

(Agency and Police Interviews), 7:160 (Student Appearance), 7:170 (Vandalism), 7:180 (Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:200 (Suspension Procedures), 7:210 (Expulsion Procedures), 7:220 (Bus Conduct), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students), 7:310 (Restrictions on Publications and Written or Electronic Material), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

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