

STUDENTS**Student Discipline****Prohibited Student Conduct**

Disciplinary action may be taken against any student guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing or selling tobacco materials.
2. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing or selling alcoholic beverages. Students who are under the influence are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they have alcohol in their possession.
3. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing or selling illegal drugs or controlled substances, look-alike drugs or drug paraphernalia. A “look-alike” drug is defined as a substance not containing an illegal drug or controlled substance, but one (a) that a student believes to be, or represents to be, an illegal drug or controlled substance or would lead a reasonable person to believe that the substance is a controlled substance, or (b) about which a student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student expressly or implicitly represented to be an illegal drug or controlled substance. Students who are under the influence of any prohibited substance or drug or knowingly in possession of any drug paraphernalia are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they have drugs or paraphernalia, as applicable, in their possession.
4. Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring a weapon in violation of the “weapons” section of this policy.
5. Using or possessing an electronic paging device. Using a cellular telephone, video recording device, personal digital assistant (PDA), or other electronic device, such as a computer, 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, without limitation, creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing an 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 off and out of sight during the regular school day unless: (a) the supervising teacher grants permission; (b) use of the device is provided in a student’s IEP; or (c) it is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals.

6. Using or possessing a laser pointer unless under a staff member's supervision and in the context of instruction.
7. Disobeying directives from staff members or school officials and/or rules and regulations governing student conduct.
8. Engaging in hazing or any kind of 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, bullying, hazing or other comparable conduct.
9. Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal school property or another person's personal property.
10. Unexcused absenteeism; State law and Board policy on truancy control will be used with chronic habitual truants.
11. Being a member of or joining or promising to join, or becoming pledged to become a member of, soliciting any other person to join, promise to join or be pledged to become a member of any public fraternity, sorority or secret society.
12. Involvement in gangs or gang-related activities, including the display of gang symbols or paraphernalia.
13. Violating any criminal law, such as assault and battery, arson, theft, gambling and hazing.
14. Engaging in any activity, on or off campus, that (a) poses a threat or danger to the safety of other students, staff or school property; (b) constitutes an interference with school purposes or an educational function; or (c) is disruptive to the school environment.

For purposes of this policy, the term "possession" includes having control, custody or care, currently or in the past, or an object or substances, regardless of whether or not the item is (a) on the student's person, or (b) contained in another item belonging to, or under the control of the student, such as in the student's clothing, backpack, automobile or (c) in a school's student locker, desk or other property or (d) in any other location on school property or at a school-sponsored event.

Efforts, including the use of early intervention and progressive discipline, shall be made to deter students, while at school or at school or a school-related events, from engaging in aggressive behavior that does or attempts to do physical or psychological harm to

someone else or his/her property and/or urges other students to engage in such conduct. The Superintendent shall ensure that the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student who engages in aggressive behavior is/are 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 psycho-stimulant medication to the student.

These grounds for disciplinary action 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 other time when the school is being used by a school group;
2. Off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity or event or any activity or event which 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 may reasonably be considered to be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member or an interference with school purposes or an educational function.

Disciplinary Measures

Disciplinary measures include:

1. Disciplinary conference.
2. Withholding of privileges.
3. Seizure of illegal materials.
4. Suspension from school and all school activities for up to ten (10) days provided that appropriate procedures are followed. A suspended student is prohibited from being on school grounds.
5. Suspension of bus riding privileges, provided that appropriate procedures are followed.
6. Expulsion from school and all school-sponsored activities and events for a definite time period not to exceed two (2) calendar years, provided that the

- appropriate procedures are followed. An expelled student is prohibited from being on school grounds and participating in school activities.
7. Notification of juvenile authorities whenever the conduct involves illegal drugs (controlled substances), look-alikes, alcohol or weapons.
 8. Notification of parent(s)/guardian(s).
 9. Removal from classroom.
 10. In-school suspension for a period not to exceed five (5) school days. The Principal or designee shall ensure that the student is properly supervised.
 11. Other measures deemed appropriate.

A student who is subject to suspension or expulsion may be eligible for a transfer to an alternative school program.

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 other students, school personnel or persons or for the purpose of self-defense or the defense of property.

Weapons

A student, who uses, possesses, controls or transfers a weapon or any object that can reasonably be considered or looks like a weapon, may be expelled. In no case may the expulsion exceed two (2) calendar years. A “weapon” means (1) any gun, rifle, shotgun or 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 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 Principal may grant an exception to this policy, upon the prior request of an adult supervisor, for students in theater or programs, whether school sponsored or not, provided the item is not equipped nor intended to bodily harm.

Required Notices

A school staff member shall immediately notify the 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 Principal or designee shall immediately notify the applicable local law enforcement agency and, if a student is reportedly in possession of a firearm, also the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). The Superintendent shall notify the Department of State Police of any drug-related incident or battery of a staff member.

Delegation of Authority

Each teacher and any other school personnel, when students are under his or her charge, is authorized to impose any disciplinary measure, other than suspension, expulsion, corporal punishment or in-school suspension, which is appropriate and in accordance with the policies and rules on student discipline. Teachers, other certificated educational employees and other persons providing a related service for or with respect to a student, may use reasonable force as needed to maintain safety for other students, school personnel or other persons or for the purpose of self-defense or property. Teachers may remove students from a classroom for disruptive behavior. The Superintendent and Principal are authorized to impose the same disciplinary measures as teachers and may suspend students guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct from school (including all school functions) and from riding the school bus up to ten (1) consecutive school days, provided the appropriate procedures are followed. The Board of Education may suspend a student from riding the bus in excess of ten (10) days for safety reasons.

Isolated Time Out and Physical Restraint Procedures

It is the policy of the District to implement isolated time out and physical restraint procedures as a means of maintaining a safe and orderly learning environment to the extent that such procedures are necessary to preserve the safety of students, staff or others. Neither isolated time out nor physical restraint procedures shall be used as a form of punishment when administering discipline to individual students. In using time out and physical restraint procedures, the District is authorized to adhere to the procedures set forth in law and in the implementing rules and regulations of this policy.

Student Handbook

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

A student handbook, including the School's disciplinary policies and rules and regulations, shall be distributed to the students' parent(s)/guardian(s) within fifteen (15) days of the beginning of the school year or upon a new student's enrollment.

LEGAL REF.: Gun-Free Schools Act, 20 U.S.C. § 3351 *et seq.* 20 U.S.C. § 6081.
105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, 5/10-21.10, 5/10-22.6, 5/10-27.1A, 5/24-24, 5/26-12, 5/26-15, and 5/31-3.
23 Ill. Admin. Code § 1.210 and 1.280.
105 ILCS 5/14-8.05; 105 ILCS 5/2-3.130; 23 Ill. Admin. Code S 1.285

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