

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct exists to help maintain an environment which is safe, conducive to learning, and free from unnecessary disruption. The Code of Conduct is established to maintain safety and support academic success. The Code of Conduct consists of this policy and a subsequent series of policies identifying student behavior expectations.

1. Parent Notification

- 1.1 Students and parents will be notified of Code of Conduct policies concerning student conduct and due process through student handbooks or similar informational bulletins, and such policies will be available on the District website.
- 1.2 The Code of Conduct, including grounds for which students may be suspended, expelled or denied admission, will be distributed to each student once in elementary, middle and high school and once to each new student in the District.

2. Definitions

- 2.1 For the purposes of this and other Code of Conduct policies "parent" refers to a student's parent, legal guardian or legal custodian.
- 2.2 For purposes of this and other Code of Conduct policies "policy" refers to District 27J Superintendent Policies, which are available on the District website or upon request at each school's office.

3. Authority to Suspend and Recommend Expulsion

The principal or other administrative designees as identified by the principal or superintendent may suspend or recommend expulsion of a student who engages in conduct identified in this policy and/or elsewhere in specific Code of Conduct policies.

3. Locations of Violations

- 3.1 Students are subject to disciplinary consequences for violations of this policy and/or other more detailed Code of Conduct policies for behavior which occurs in school buildings, on school grounds, in school buses or other school owned or operated vehicles, or while attending school activities or district programs.
- 3.2 Students may also be subject to suspension or expulsion for behaviors that occur off campus as permitted by law.

4. Offenses with Mandatory Consequences

- 4.1 The principal or administrative designee must suspend for 10 days and refer for expulsion a student who engages in the following activity:
 - 4.1.1 Bringing a firearm to school or possessing a firearm while at school without prior authorization as identified in Policy JICI- Student Weapons and Dangerous Items Violations, for which expulsion is mandatory for the first offense.

- 4.2 The principal or administrative designee must suspend for a minimum of five (5) days, extendable to 10 days depending on the circumstances, and may refer for expulsion a student who engages in the following activities:
 - 4.2.1 Bringing to school or possessing at school a dangerous weapon other than a firearm without prior authorization as identified in Policy JICI - Student Weapons and Dangerous Items Violations.
 - 4.2.2 Sale of drugs or alcohol at school as defined in Policy JICH- Student Drug and Alcohol Violations.
 - 4.2.3 Commission of an act which constitutes grounds for 1st or 2nd degree criminal assault charges.
 - 4.2.4 Commission of any act which constitutes grounds for felony criminal charges.
 - 4.2.5 Violations against staff as described in Policy GBGB - Employee Protection, including but not limited to incidents of assault upon, harassment of, knowingly making false allegations of child abuse against or any criminal act directed toward a school employee.

5. Preschool – 2nd Grade Considerations

- 5.1 Per HB19-1194 a student PK-2 should not be suspended or expelled if the following conditions are not met.
 - 5.1.1 Possession of a weapon; use, possession or sale of controlled substance/drug; or endangers health or safety of others
 - 5.1.2 Failure to remove student would create a safety threat that cannot otherwise be addressed;
 - 5.1.3 OR determine on case-by-case basis and clear documentation of any alternatives and interventions that were tried.
 - 5.1.4 OSS – Maximum of 3 days, unless recommendation for expulsion.

6. Additional Grounds for School Suspension or Expulsion

- 6.1 Academic Misconduct
 - 6.1.1 Academic misconduct or scholastic dishonesty, including but not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism or unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic work.
- 6.2 Bullying, Harassment or Threatening Behavior
 - 6.2.1 Bullying as defined in Policy JICDE - Bullying Prevention and Education.
 - 6.2.2 Hazing, intimidation or threatening behavior, whether in person, indirect or through cyber or electronic transmission.
 - 6.2.3 Sexual harassment as defined in Policy JBB - Sexual Harassment.

6.3 Drugs and Alcohol

6.3.1 Drug and alcohol violations not involving the sale of such substances as defined in Policy JICH - Student Drug and Alcohol Violations.

6.3.2 Tobacco, nicotine and controlled substance delivery mechanisms violations as defined in Policy JICG-2 – Tobacco, Nicotine and Controlled Substance

6.3.3 Delivery Mechanisms.

6.3.4 Drug of alcohol violations which immediately endangering others, including driving while under the influence or those violations that likely to result in felony charges, will result in a minimum of a five (5) day suspension for the first offense.

6.4 Dangerous or Detrimental Behavior

6.4.1 Behavior on or off school property which is detrimental to the welfare or safety of other students or of school personnel, including behavior which creates a threat of physical harm to the student or to other students.

6.4.2 Failure to report dangerous situations or conditions that puts students or staff at risk of imminent harm.

6.4.3 Unsafe operation of a motor vehicle on school property.

6.4.4 Reckless behavior resulting in harm or injury to others, whether intentional or otherwise.

6.4.5 Throwing objects, unless otherwise part of a supervised activity, that might cause bodily injury or damage property.

6.4.6 Gambling or wagering items of value.

6.5 Disruptive Behavior

- 6.5.1 Behavior which disrupts or is intended to disrupts the education process.
- 6.5.2 Repeated interference with a school's ability to provide educational opportunities to other students.
- 6.5.3 Continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of proper authority.
- 6.5.4 Repeated or substantial disrespect to or defiance of reasonable directives or requests of school staff.
- 6.5.5 Being declared a habitually disruptive student after a minimum of three separate out of school suspensions during a calendar year, for on campus behavior which materially or substantially disrupts the educational environment, and for whom a behavior plan with graduated intervention opportunities has been offered.
- 6.5.6 Causing or knowingly participating in causing a false alarm, bomb threat or other false notice that disrupts the school environment.
- 6.5.7 Rioting, unlawful protests or illegal disruptive demonstrations in violation of Policy JIJ - Student Demonstrations and Strikes.
- 6.5.8 Posting or distributing unauthorized materials on campus in violation of Policy JICEC- Distribution of Non-Curricular Materials.
- 6.5.9 Repeat violations of Policy JICA- Student Dress Code.
- 6.5.10 Repeat violations of campus identification card requirements.

6.6 Fighting and Aggressive Behavior

- 6.6.1 Violence, fighting, and other aggressive behavior.
- 6.6.2 Encouraging or electronically recording fights, assaults or other altercations.

6.7 Gang Activity

- 6.7.1 Gang activity or gang related behavior as defined in Policy JICF- Student Gang Activity.

6.8 Inappropriate Behavior

- 6.8.1 Indecent exposure, lewd or obscene behavior, sexting, or possession of pornography, whether printed or electronic.
- 6.8.2 Extreme, inappropriate displays of affection.
- 6.8.3 Profanity, vulgar language or obscene gestures.

6.9 Other Violations

- 6.9.1 Knowingly giving false information or lying to staff investigating disciplinary violations.
- 6.9.2 Using, making or reproducing the identification or signatures of others for deceptive purposes, including counterfeiting documents or currency.
- 6.9.3 Violations of other policies or school/ campus rules or regulations not otherwise specifically identified in this policy.

6.10 Technology Violations

- 6.10.1 Violations of the District's Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement for use of all district technology.
- 6.10.2 Violations of Policy JICJ - Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

6.11 Theft and Vandalism

- 6.11.1 Theft, stealing, attempting to steal, or possessing without authorization property from another student, school employee or from the school itself.
- 6.11.2 Willful destruction or defacing of school property.
- 6.11.3 Damaging the property of others, whether intentional or otherwise. Tobacco

6.12 Tobacco and Nicotine Violations

- 6.12.1 Tobacco violations as defined in Policy JICG - Student Tobacco and Nicotine Violations.
- 6.12.2 Tobacco, nicotine and controlled substance delivery mechanisms violations as defined in Policy JICG-2 – Tobacco, Nicotine and Controlled Substance Delivery Mechanisms.

6.13 Weapons and Dangerous Items

- 6.13.1 Violations of Policy JICI- Student Weapons and Dangerous Items Violations
- 6.13.2 Bringing, possessing or using bullets (used or unused), fireworks, smoke or stink bombs or any other pyrotechnic device that may disrupt the educational environment or endanger others.
- 6.13.3 Possession of any knife, sharpened instrument or other dangerous item without authorization, not including those instruments necessary for and/or provided for use in class or school activities under staff supervision.
- 6.13.4 Using objects, substances or items in such a way as to clearly render the item dangerous to others.
- 6.13.5 Bringing, possessing or use of projectiles, including darts,"BB's" or pellets (whether metal or plastic) or similar objects.

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LEGAL REFS.:

C.R.S. 22-32-109.1
C.R.S. 22-32-126
C.R.S. 22-33-105
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CROSS REFS.:

GBGB, Employee Protection JBB,
Sexual Harassment
JH, Student Attendance
JHD, Denial of Admission
JIC, Student Conduct and sub codes of JIC
JICG, Student Tobacco and Nicotine Violations
JICH, Student Drug and Alcohol Violations
JK, Student Code of Conduct and sub codes of JK
JKD, Student Due Process
JKBA, Disciplinary Removal from Classroom
JRA/JRC, Student Records/Release of information on Students