

STUDENT CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS AND REASONABLE SANCTIONS

Student Conduct Expectations

As authorized by chapter 28A.600 RCW, the following procedure sets forth rights and conduct expectations for students, along with the sanctions that may be imposed for violations of such expectations. At all times, this procedure will be read consistent with federal statutes and regulations, state statutes, common law, and rules promulgated by the Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. For procedures and legal requirements related to imposition of suspension and expulsion, see Policy and Procedure 3241, Student Discipline.

Respect for the Law and the Rights of Others

The student is responsible as a citizen to observe the laws of the United States, the state of Washington, and local ordinances and laws. The student will respect the rights of others while in school, on school property, at all school activities, on district provided transportation or otherwise under school authority.

Rules for Student Conduct

The following conduct may result in discipline, including suspension, expulsion, or emergency expulsion, subject to the rules in the rest of this procedure. Alcohol, Chemical Substances, Drugs, Drug Paraphernalia – Possession, use, distribution, showing evidence of having consumed, selling, soliciting or facilitating the sale of alcohol or illegal drugs is prohibited. Possession of drug paraphernalia or any item purported to be such is also prohibited. While in attendance at school or school-sponsored events, students must remove themselves immediately from any situation where such activities are occurring. Students understand that the community encourages them to report any situation which poses a danger to the health or safety of themselves and fellow students or which represents a violation of state laws, District policy, and the code to which school leaders are committed.

Alteration/Falsification of Records – The falsification, altering, or destroying a school record or any communication from home and school, including electronic, is prohibited.

Arson – The intentional setting of fire or possession of fire-ignition devices is prohibited.

Assault/Threat of Assault– Assault is defined as a physical or verbal threat and is prohibited.

Bomb Threat – Threatening to plant, and/or claiming to possess, and/or detonate a bomb at any public school building facility or property.

Burglary – Breaking into a school with or without intent to steal is prohibited.

Cheating - Cheating is prohibited. Any student who knowingly submits the work of others represented as his or her own will be considered to have cheated. Cheating

also includes the aiding and abetting of cheating by others by falsifying, altering, or destroying student records in any form.

Criminal Behavior – Students who involve themselves in criminal acts on school property, off school property at school-supervised events, or off school property when such acts have a detrimental effect upon the maintenance and operation of the schools or the District are subject to corrective action by the school as well as potential prosecution under the law.

Cumulative Violations – In the school community, the frequency with which students violate various school policies, rules, and regulations is often of equal or greater concern than individual violations. Discipline is based on the cumulative effects of these acts.

Dress and Appearance – Dress and appearance must not present health or safety problems or cause disruption in accordance with the Student Dress Code.

Disruptive Conduct – Conduct which materially and substantially interferes with the educational process is prohibited.

Explosives – Possession, use, or threat of explosives on school property or at school-sponsored events, such as firecrackers and bullets, is prohibited.

Extortion, Blackmail, or Coercion – Obtaining money or property by violence or threat of violence, or forcing someone to do something by force or threat of force, is prohibited.

False Accusations - Students will not make untrue charges of wrongful conduct or other defamatory statements.

False Alarm – Activating a fire alarm for other than the intended purpose of the alarm is prohibited.

Fighting – The act of quarrelling involving physical contact is prohibited.

Forgery – The act of fraudulently using in writing the name of another person or falsifying times, dates, grades, addresses, or other data on school forms or other documents is prohibited.

Gambling/Wagering – The act of gambling or facilitating the gambling of others is prohibited. “Gambling” means staking or risking something of value upon the outcome of a contest of chance or a future contingent event, upon an agreement or understanding that the person or someone else will receive something of value in the event of a certain outcome.

Gang Affiliation/Symbols – Gang activity or displaying symbols of gang affiliation is prohibited. A “gang” means a group that consists of three or more persons, has identifiable leadership, and on an ongoing basis, regularly conspires and acts in concert mainly for criminal purposes. The Board of Directors determines that gangs and the expression of gang membership cause, or are likely to cause, disruption in the school environment and present a threat to the health and safety of students and school personnel. The following, therefore, are prohibited:

- a. Wearing, possessing, distributing, or displaying (as determined by school authority), any gang symbols, including the use of hand signals, handwriting, and/or the presence of apparel, jewelry, accessories, graffiti, or manner of grooming which by virtue of its colors, arrangement, trademark, symbol alteration, or any other attribute denotes membership in a gang;
- b. Committing any act or conduct indicating membership or affiliation in a gang; and/or
- c. Using any speech, gesture, conduct, or committing any act in furtherance of the interests of a gang or gang activity, including but not limited to:
 - i. Soliciting others for membership in any such gang;
 - ii. Pressuring, intimidating, threatening, or harassing any person, or creating an atmosphere or environment of undue pressure which can reasonably be expected to interfere with the physical or mental wellbeing of others;
 - iii. Committing any other illegal act or other violation of school district policies; and/or
 - iv. Inciting or provoking or actively seeking other students to act with physical force or violence or mental harassment of others.

Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Cyberbullying (HIB) – Students will not participate in, conspire to participate in, or conspire for others to engage in “harassment, intimidation, and bullying/cyberbullying” (HIB) as defined in Policy 3207, Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying.

Inappropriate Language/Verbal Abuse – Freedom of student expression is part of the district’s instructional program. However, student expression may not be vulgar, lewd, obscene, or plainly offensive or be used to cause a substantial disruption of the educational process or interfere with the rights of others. School- sponsored expression may be further regulated on the basis of legitimate pedagogical concerns. (See Policy 3220, Freedom of Expression).

Information Systems Access/Use – Unauthorized, illegal, or inappropriate use of the District’s telecommunication network system, electronic devices, or personal student devices is prohibited.

Intentional Misuse of School Equipment/Supplies/Facilities – Deliberately abusing and/or misusing school equipment, supplies, or facilities, including failure to follow safety rules established for laboratory instructional areas is prohibited.

Lasers and Similar Devices – Possession or use of lasers and similar devices which is not authorized in advance by school authorities is prohibited.

Lewd Behavior/Sexual Misconduct – Expressing, transmitting by electronic media, displaying and/or exhibiting indecent, lewd, profane or obscene sexual behavior, including pornography, is prohibited.

Noncompliance with School Personnel, School Rules, or District Policies– Students must obey the lawful instruction of District personnel. Openly disregarding, showing contempt for, intentionally deceiving, or refusing to obey lawful authority/instructions of all district personnel, including failure to identify self to district personnel is prohibited.

Robbery – Stealing from an individual by force or threat of force is prohibited.

Sexual Harassment – Harassment because of a person’s gender, like other forms of harassment, is prohibited. Sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to: demands for sexual favors in exchange for preferential treatment or something of value; stating or implying that a person will lose something if he or she does not submit to a sexual request; penalizing a person for refusing to submit to a sexual advance or providing a benefit to someone who does; making unwelcome, offensive or inappropriate sexually suggestive remarks, comments, gestures, or jokes or remarks of a sexual nature about a person’s appearance, gender, or conduct; using derogatory sexual terms for a person; standing too close, inappropriate touching, cornering, or stalking a person; sexting; or displaying offensive or inappropriate sexual illustrations on school property. Any student who believes that he or she has been subjected to sexual harassment or intimidation by any person, including students and staff, should contact a building counselor or administrator immediately.

Smoking/Tobacco/Vapor Devices – Possession, use, or sale of tobacco or tobacco devices is not permitted on or near school property or in district-owned vehicles. Tobacco products and devices include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, electronic smoking and vapor consumption devices whether or not they are currently being used to consume tobacco, non-prescribed inhalers, and any other smoking equipment, device, material or innovation. Near school property is defined as being within the line of sight from the school.

Theft – Stealing is prohibited.

Trespass/Occupying Unauthorized Area – Being present on school property in an unauthorized place without permission of school authorities or refusing to leave when ordered to do so is prohibited.

Unlawful Interference with School Authorities – Interfering with administrators, teachers, or other staff in the exercise of their lawfully assigned duties is prohibited.

Vandalism/Damage/Destruction of Property – Destruction of school property or private property on school grounds is prohibited. (The student’s grades or diploma may be withheld in accordance with state law.)

Weapons and Other Dangerous Devices - Students will not possess, display, handle, or transmit weapons, other dangerous devices, or any item which reasonably appears to be such on school property, school-provided transportation, or at school-sponsored events. Any exception to the above will require explicit permission.

The District considers the following weapons in violation of this policy:

- Any knife or razor not listed above, except for instruments authorized or provided for specific school activities;
- Any object other than those listed above which is used in a manner to intimidate, threaten, or injure another person and is capable of easily and readily producing such injury.
- Any personal protection spray devices (PPSD) not used other than in self-defense as defined by Washington state law (RCW 9.91.160). State law requires that students age fourteen to seventeen have parent permission to carry a personal protection spray device (PPSD) that must be registered with school administration officials. Persons over eighteen years of age and persons between fourteen and eighteen years of age with written parental or guardian permission may possess personal protection spray devices on school property. No one under eighteen years of age may deliver such devices, nor may anyone under eighteen years or older deliver a spray device to anyone under fourteen or to anyone between fourteen and eighteen who does not have parental permission. Students who unlawfully carry, discharge, or distribute a PPSD will be subject to disciplinary action.

An appropriate school authority will promptly notify the student's parents or guardians and the appropriate law enforcement agency of known or suspected violations of this policy. Students who violate this policy will be subject to corrective action. Students who have possessed a firearm on any school premises, school-provided transportation, or school-sponsored activities at any facility shall be expelled for not less than one year pursuant to RCW 28A.600.420. The superintendent may modify the one-year expulsion for a firearm on a case-by-case basis.

The district may also suspend or expel a student for up to one year if the student acts with malice (as defined under RCW 9A.04.110) and displays a device that appears to be a firearm.

Carrying a dangerous weapon onto school premises, school-provided transportation, or areas of other facilities being used exclusively for school activities in violation of RCW 9.41.280 is a criminal offense. The term "dangerous weapons" under state law includes:

- Any firearm;
- Any device commonly known as "nun-chu-ka sticks," consisting of two or more length of wood, metal, plastic, or similar substance connected with wire, rope, or other means;
- Any device, commonly known as "throwing stars," which are multi-pointed, metal objects designed to embed upon impact from any aspect;
- Any air gun, including any air pistol or air rifle, designed to propel a BB, pellet, or other projectile by the discharge of compressed air, carbon dioxide, or other gas;

- Any portable device manufactured to function as a weapon and which is commonly known as a stun gun, including a projectile stun gun which projects wired probes that are attached to the device that emit an electrical charge designed to administer to a person or an animal an electric shock, charge, or impulse;
- Any device, object, or instrument which is used or intended to be used as a weapon with the intent to injure a person by an electric shock, charge, or impulse;
- The following instruments:
 - Any dirk or dagger;
 - Any knife with a blade longer than three inches;
 - Any knife with a blade which is automatically released by a spring mechanism or other mechanical device;
 - Any knife having a blade which opens, or falls or is ejected into position by the force of gravity, or by outward, downward, or centrifugal thrust or movement; and
 - Any razor with an unguarded blade;
 - Any sling shot, sandbag, or sandclub;
 - Metal knuckles;
 - A sling shot;
 - Any metal pipe or bar used or intended to be used as a club;
 - Any explosive;
 - Any weapon containing poisonous or injurious gas;
- Any implement or instrument which has the capacity to inflict death and from the manner in which it is used, is likely to produce or may easily and readily produce death.