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| Note: | 1. | The discipline for identified pupils with disabilities must conform to the rules and regulations outlined in New Jersey Administrative Code and the |
|  |  | procedures established for the Public Schools of Edison Township. |
|  | 2. | With the approval of the Superintendent, the administration reserves the right not to invoke the use of this code in the disposition of those referral |
|  |  | which warrant special consideration. The administration also recognizes  its responsibility and right to take reasonable and necessary disciplinary |
|  |  | action for pupil behavior and/or conduct that is not specified in this code  but is judged inappropriate. The pupil discipline code extends to all school-related functions both on and off school property and is also in |
|  |  | effect while pupils are enroute to and from school. |
|  | 3. | The discipline for identified pupils with disabilities must conform to the rules and regulations outlined in New Jersey Administrative Code and the |
|  |  | procedures established for the Edison Township Public Schools. |
|  | 4. | School authorities have the right to impose a consequence on a pupil for conduct away from school grounds, including on a school bus or at a |
|  |  | school-sponsored function, this is consistent with the Board’s code of  pupil conduct. |

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| A.  Insubordination defiance, disrespect to staff, argumentative/ belligerent/ confrontational behavior, cutting staff/ administrative detention | In-School  Suspension/ central detention/ Saturday Detention/Out- of-School Suspension, parent contact or conference. | 1-3 days In- or  Out-of-School Suspension, parent conference. |  |  |  |

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| B. Cafeteria  Misbehavior  -Inappropriate behavior, e.g., begging money/food  -Hazardous, e.g., running, throwing food | Cafeteria duty  teacher intervention, removal to house detention for lunch period. | Administrative  removal to ISS for 3 lunch periods, parent contact. | Administrative  removal to ISS for 5 lunch periods, parent contact. | Saturday  Detention-2 hours. | Saturday  Detention-4 hours. |
| C.  Inappropriate  Conduct- chewing and selling gum, loitering, tardiness to class, slamming lockers, violation of dress code, public display of affection, yelling, hat and coat violations, using walkman, radios, laser pens, using vulgar/profane/ obscene language, begging money/food, etc. | Teacher  warning and/or  team intervention and parent contact. | Administrative  detention or  team cluster intervention. Parent contact. | In-School  Suspension  (ISS) and parent conference. | Saturday  Detention-4  hours. Parent conference with guidance counselor and administrator. Referral to I&RS  Committee to develop interventions. | 1-3 days  Out-of-  School Suspension, parent conference. Referral to I&RS  Committee to  develop interventions. |
| Note: Walkman, radios, toys, cell phones, skateboards, etc. will be confiscated.  Parent contact may be by letter, telephone call, fax or conference. | | | | |

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| D. Hazardous  Behavior- running, pushing/ shoving, horseplay, throwing food, crowd loitering violation of school safety procedures; class, hall, bus, café, misuse of spray products; possession/use of matches and lighters; throwing ice balls and snow balls | Detention,  parent contact | 2-3 days  detention, parent contact | 1-3 days In-  School Suspension, parent contact | Saturday  Detention-4 hours | 1-2 days  Out-of- School Suspension, parent contact. |
| Note: Products include: hair spray, deodorants, paints, white-out, water pistols/ squirt containers etc, | | | | |
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| E. Smoking or  Chewing/ Smokeless Tobacco | 2 days  detention, parent contact, policy sent home, recommend smoking cessation program option | 1 day In-  School Suspension, parent contact, Department of Health $25.00 fine or smoking cessation program option | Saturday  Detention-4 hours, parent contact, Department of Health $50.00 fine | 1 day Out-of-  School Suspension, parent contact or conference, Department of Health  $75.00 fine | 2-4 days  Out-of- School Suspension, parent conference, Department of Health  $100.00 fine |

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| F. Cutting  Class and/or Assigned Location | Detention, zero  grade for missed class assignments of cut class | 2 days  detention, zero grade for missed class assignments of cut class | 1 day In-School  Suspension, parent contact, zero grade for missed class assignments of cut class | Saturday Detention-4 hours | |
| Note: Cutting and leaving building without authorization requires 1 day In- School Suspension.  Additional cuts will result in Guidance/CIT Intervention. | | | | |
| G. Attendance/  Tardiness | 6 occasions-1  day detention | 8 occasions-2  days detention | 10 occasions-  ISS | 13 occasions-  Saturday Dention-4 hours |  |
| H. Fighting/ | 1-3 days Out- | 4 days Out-of- | Referral to Superintendent for possible formal | | |
| Violence | of-School | School | Board hearing for long-term suspension/ | | |
| Suspension, | Suspension, | expulsion and/or placement in an alternate | | |
| readmission | readmission | education setting. | | |
| conference. | conference. | Note: Depending on the seriousness of the | | |
| Possible | offense and the pupil’s previous disciplinary | | |
| referral to | record, a referral to the Superintendent for | | |
| Superintendent | possible hearing for long-term | | |
| for extension | suspension/expulsion or placement in an | | |
| of suspension | alternate education setting may result after the | | |
| to 10 days. | first or subsequent action as well. | | |
| Police report or |
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| 1. Vandalism/   Destruction of School-Staff Property/ Grafitti   1. Theft/ Extortion 2. Gambling | 1-3 days Out-  of-School Suspension, parent conference, police report or complaint | 4 days Out-of-  School Suspension, parent conference, police report or complaint | Referral to the  Superintendent for 5-10 days suspension. Police report or complaint filed. | Referral to Superintendent for  possible formal Board hearing for long-term suspension/ expulsion and/or placement in an alternate education setting. Note: Depending on the seriousness of the offense and the pupil’s previous disciplinary record, a referral to the Superintendent for possible hearing for long-term suspension/expulsion or placement in an alternate education setting may result after the first or subsequent action as well. | |
| L. Possession  of  -Caustic sprays, pepper sprays, mace, etc.  -Use of electronic communication devices-beeper, cell phone or paging device, etc. | 2 days  detention,  parent conference | 1 day In-School  Suspension,  parent conference | Saturday  detention-4  hours, parent conference | 1 day Out-of-  School  Suspension, readmission conference | 3-5 days  Out-of-  School Suspension, readmission conference |
| Note: Mace-pepper spray, etc. will be considered a weapon if discharged. | | | | |
| 1. Assault 2. Terroristic Threat 3. Sex Offense 4. Possession of a Weapon | -Offenses M-P will result in a suspension from school up to 10 days with a referral to  the Superintendent for possible placement in an alternate educational setting. Police complaint will be signed.  -Depending on the seriousness and intent or if directed at a staff member, charges of assault, terroristic threat, and sex offense will result in a suspension/expulsion hearing and a police complaint. An assault on a staff member is considered aggravated assault.  Note: It is illegal to possess mace in school, Mace will be considered a weapon if discharged. | | | | |

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| Q. Assault with  a weapon | Any pupil who commits an assault upon a Board member or employee or another  pupil, with a weapon on any school property, on a school bus, or at a school- sponsored function shall be immediately removed for the school’s regular education program pending a suspension or expulsion hearing before the Board. The pupil must be placed in an alternative educations placement pending a Board hearing to determine the pupil’s guilt.   1. “Weapon” means anything readily capable of lethal use or of inflicting serious bodily injury. 2. Pupils so removed, other than pupils with disabilities, shall be removed from the school’s general education program for a period not exceeding one calendar year. 3. The Principal or his/her designee shall:    1. Remove the pupil;    2. Isolate the pupil and place the pupil under the supervision of school staff until such time as the parent or law enforcement official takes custody of the pupil;    3. Immediately report the removal of the pupil to the Superintendent;    4. Notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of a possible violation of the New Jersey Code of Criminal Justice; and    5. Notify the pupil’s parent of the following information:       1. The removal action;       2. The law enforcement notification;       3. The change of custody, if it occurs; and       4. The pupil’s due process rights (including a disabled pupil’s due process rights, as applicable). 4. The Board must conduct a hearing within 30 days of the pupil’s removal to determine whether the pupil committed the assault with a weapon. If found “not guilty” by the Board, the pupil must be returned to the regular education program.   The Board’s determination must be made within 5 days of the hearing.   1. The Superintendent may modify the removal on a case-by-case basis. The Superintendent shall make the final determination on whether the general education pupil is prepared to return to the general education program or whether the pupil shall remain in an alternative education program or receive home or other out-of-school instruction based on the following criteria:    1. The nature and severity of the offense;    2. The Board’s removal decision;    3. The results of any relevant testing, assessments or evaluation of the pupil; and    4. The recommendation of the Principal or Director of the alternative program or home or other out-of-school instruction program in which the pupil has been placed. | | | | |

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| R. Alcohol/  Drugs/Steroids- Possession, Use, Sale/ Distribution and/or Involvement with. | -New Jersey Administrative Code and Board Policy require mandatory drug  screening and medical examination if a pupil is suspected of being under the influence or involved with drugs/alcohol/steroids.  -In the case of drugs/alcohol/steroids, an evaluation at an approved treatment center will be required with any subsequent recommendations for therapy to be followed prior to any return to school.  -Appropriate disciplinary action based on the nature and scope of the incident shall be taken in accordance with Board policy on suspension and expulsion. | | | | |
| S. Harassment,  Intimidation, Bullying, Bias Incident including use of electronic communication devices and/or computers to harass, intimidate or bully (cyber- bullying) | Suspension 1-  2 days, parent- Assistant Principal conference. Police complaint signed. | Suspension 3-4  days, parent- Principal conference. Police complaint signed. | Referral to the  Superintendent for suspension up to 10 days, may also include a suspension/ expulsion hearing. Police complaint signed. | Referral to the Superintendent  for possible formal Board hearing for long-term suspension/expulsion and/or placement in an alternate education setting.  Note: Depending on the seriousness of the offense and the pupil’s previous disciplinary record, a referral to the Superintendent for possible hearing for long-term suspension/expulsion or placement in an alternate education setting may result after the first or subsequent action as well. | |
| T. Cheating | “F” for  assignment, parent notification by teacher, pupil conference with counselor | 1 day detention,  “F” for assignment, parent notification by teacher, administrative- parent conference | 2 days  detention, “F” for assignment, parent conference that includes counselor | Administrative  action, co- curricular restrictions |  |

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| U. Truancy | Zero grade for  missed class assignments, Saturday detention, parent contact | Zero grade for  missed class assignments, Saturday detention, parent conference | Zero grade for  missed class assignments, Saturday detention, parent conference, 5- day notice |  |  |
| V. False Alarm | 3-4 days Out-  of-School Suspension, police complaint. Referral to Superintendent for possible suspension/ expulsion hearing |  | Note: Additional offenses will result in police  and/or administrative action. | | |

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  2. Pupils who accumulate disciplinary referrals in one or more categories or who commit a serious offense that does not result in expulsion or other administrative action will be prohibited from participation/attendance in co-curricular activities.
  3. The discipline for identified pupils with disabilities must conform to the rules and regulations outlined in New Jersey Administrative Code and the procedures established for the Edison Township School District.

Cutting Saturday Detention could result in suspension or additional disciplinary action.