

## Series 5000 – Students

### 1. Elementary and Secondary

#### C. Activities

##### (1) Conduct

##### (o) Out-of-School Misconduct

Students are subject to discipline, up to and including suspension and expulsion for out-of-school misconduct. Out-of-school actions that will result in a mandatory expulsion for one calendar year (subject to modification in accordance with the statutes) include the following:

- a) possession of a firearm (as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921) in violation of C.G.S. 29-35,
- b) possession and use of a firearm, a deadly weapon, a dangerous instrument or martial arts weapon in the commission of a crime, or
- c) offering for sale or distribution “controlled substances” as defined in C.G.S. 21a-240.

Certain out-of-school misconduct may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension and expulsion. Misconduct that is violative of a publicized district procedure and seriously disruptive to the educational process will result in disciplinary action. The school administration will consider these two factors in determining suspensions for out-of-school misconduct, and the Board of Education will consider these factors in determining expulsions in situations involving out-of-school misconduct.

Considerations will include, but not be limited to, disruptions such as the following:

- the school’s orderly operations,
- the safety of school property, or
- the welfare of the persons who work or study there.

The phrase “seriously disruptive of the educational process” means conduct that markedly interrupts or severely impedes the day-to-day operation of a school. In determining whether the misconduct is seriously disruptive of the educational process, certain factors that may be considered include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) whether the incident occurred within close proximity of a school,
- b) whether other students from school were involved or whether there was any gang involvements,
- c) whether the conduct involved violence, threats of violence or the unlawful use of a weapon as defined in C.G.S. Section 29-38, and whether any injuries occurred, and
- d) whether the conduct involved the use of alcohol.

Some examples of misconduct that may result in suspension or expulsion would be making of a bomb threat or threatening physical harm to a student or member of the staff.

Further details of out-of-school misconduct can be found in the Board's Discipline policy #5144.

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