

POLICY # <u>561</u>

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

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SECONDARY STUDENT BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE

Discipline Code

The following behaviors at school, while on school vehicles or going to or from or attending school events will result in disciplinary action, which may include in-school placement options or out-of-school suspension:

- 1. Arson
- 2. Altering or attempting to alter another individual's food or beverage
- 3. Assault (whether physical or verbal) and/or battery
- 4. Attempting to incite or produce imminent violence directed against another person because of his or her race, color, sex, pregnancy, gender, gender expression or identity, national origin, religion, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, age, or genetic information by making or transmitting or causing or allowing to be transmitted, any telephonic, computerized, or electronic message
- 5. Attempting to incite or produce imminent violence directed against another person because of his or her race, color, sex, pregnancy, gender, gender expression or identity, national origin, religion, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, age, or genetic information by broadcasting, publishing, or distributing or causing or allowing to be broadcast, published, or distributed, any message or material
- 6. Academic Misconduct, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration, alteration of academic materials or other academic misbehavior
- 7. Complicity in misconduct by others, including, but not limited to, attempting to or encouraging others to commit prohibited conduct. Apathy or acquiescence in the presence of prohibited conduct is violative of this policy.
- 8. Conduct that threatens or jeopardizes the safety of others
- 9. Cutting class or sleeping, eating, or refusing to work in class

- 10. Disorderly conduct, including behaving in a disorderly, lewd, indecent manner or breaching the peace on school property or in school-sponsored activities. Examples include, but are not limited to, obscene language, profanity, inappropriate behavior or gestures, indecent exposure, nonconsensual photography, video, or audio recording of another person on school premises or at school-sponsored events when recording causes or is likely to cause injury or distress
- 11. Disruption of the educational process or operation of the school as to disruptive behavior in the classroom specifically, engaging in behavior that a reasonable person would view as substantial or repeated interference with the instructor's ability to teach the class or the ability of other students to benefit from instruction
- 12. Extortion
- 13. Failure to attend assigned detention, alternative school or other disciplinary assignment without approval
- 14. Failure to comply with state immunization records
- 15. False reports or false calls
- 16. Fighting
- 17. Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement
- 18. Gambling
- 19. Gang related activity or action
- 20. Harassment, intimidation, and bullying, including gestures, written or verbal expression, electronic communication, or physical acts
- 21. Hazing (whether involving initiations, admission into, affiliations with, or as a continued involvement in a group or organization or not) in connection with any school activity, regardless of location. Hazing includes, but is not limited to, any activity that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student. Likewise, engaging in any action or activity that causes or is likely to cause physical or mental discomfort or distress that may demean, degrade, or disgrace any person, regardless of location, intent or consent of participants is violative of this policy.

- 22. Immorality
- 23. Inappropriate attire, including violation of dress code
- 24. Intimidation or harassment because of race, color, sex, pregnancy, gender, gender expression or identity, national origin, religion, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, age, or genetic information, including but not limited to: (a) assault and battery; (b) damage, destruction, vandalism or defacing any real or personal property; or threatening, by word or act, the acts identified in (a) or (b)
- 25. Physical or verbal abuse, including, but not limited to, physically restraining, or transporting someone against their will
- 26. Possession or distribution of a caustic substance (unrelated to course work)
- 27. Possessing, distributing, or viewing obscene materials, including electronic possession, distribution or viewing (sexting)
- 28. Possession of synthetic urine, a warmer or any other item with the intent to use that item to tamper with a drug or alcohol test
- 29. Possession, without prior authorization, of a wireless telecommunication device
- 30. Possession, threat or use of a dangerous weapon¹ and related instrumentalities (i.e., bullets, shells, gun powder, pellets, etc.)
- 31. Possession, claimed possession, use, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, conspiracy to sell, distribute or possess or being in the chain of sale or distribution, or being under the influence of (a) alcoholic beverages, (b) any mind altering substance, except for medications taken for legitimate medical purposes pursuant to district policy, including but not limited to prescription medications for which the individual does not have a prescription, or medications used outside their intended therapeutic purpose, (c) paint, glue, aerosol sprays, salts, incense and other substances which may be used as an intoxicating substance, or (d) any substance believed or represented to be a prohibited substance, regardless of its actual content.
- 32. Possession, claimed possession, or distribution of illegal and/or drug related paraphernalia

¹ Students who are members of JROTC and are participating in an authorized school program may, with prior approval from the campus director, bring an inoperable weapon to school for the sole and exclusive purpose of participating in the program. Students may only possess the inoperable weapon in a manner consistent with the authorization to participate in the program.

- 33. Possession, claimed possession, distribution, or claimed distribution of supplements, prescription medicine and/or non-prescription medicine while at school and school related functions without prior administrative approval
- 34. Purchasing, selling and/or attempting to purchase or sell prescription and nonprescription medicine while at school and school related functions
- 35. Sexual or other harassment of individuals including, but not limited to, students, school employees, volunteers
- 36. Theft
- 37. Threatening behavior, including but not limited to gestures, written, verbal, or physical acts, or electronic communications
- 38. Truancy
- 39. Use, possession, claimed possession, distribution or selling marijuana or marijuana related products in any form. "Marijuana" is defined as provided for in the Technology Center's policy on *Medical Marijuana, Hemp & Cannabidiol (CBD)*.
- 40. Use, possession, claimed possession, distribution, or selling tobacco or tobacco related products in any form, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, loose tobacco, rolling papers, chewing tobacco, snuff, matches, and lighters, and vapor products which includes noncombustible products that may or may not contain nicotine, that employ a mechanical heating element, battery, electronic circuit or other mechanism, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce a vapor in a solution or other form. A vapor product also includes any vapor cartridge or other container with or without nicotine or other form that is intended to be used with an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other container of a solution, that may or may not contain nicotine, that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo or electronic device. Vapor products not included are any products regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration under Chapter V of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.
- 41. Use or possession of missing or stolen property if property is reasonably suspected to have been taken from a student, a technology center employee, or the technology center
- 42. Using racial, religious, ethnic, sexual, gender or disability-related epithets

- 43. Use of the school's technology resources (i.e., computers, electronic mail, internet, and similar resources) in a manner prohibited by policies, in any manner not authorized by school officials, or in violation of law
- 44. Vandalism
- 45. Violation of board of education policies, rules or regulations or violation of school rules and regulations including, but not limited to, disrespect, lingering in restrooms, running in halls, bringing unauthorized items to school, inappropriate or unauthorized use of cellular phones or other electronic media, name calling, destroying or defacing school property
- 46. Vulgarity
- 47. Willful damage to school property
- 48. Willful disobedience of a directive of any school official

In addition, conduct occurring outside of the normal school day or off technology center property that has a direct and immediate negative effect on the discipline or educational process or effectiveness of the school, will also result in disciplinary action, which may include in-school placement options or out-of-school suspension. This includes but is not limited to electronic communication, whether or not such communication originated at school or with technology center equipment, if the communication is specifically directed at students or technology center personnel and concerns harassment, intimidation or bullying at school.

School Safety and Bullying Prevention Act (OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 24-100.2)

The Oklahoma Legislature established the *School Safety and Bullying Prevention Act* with the express intent of prohibiting bullying in all schools. In addition to the prohibition listed in the student discipline code above, the board has adopted a separate policy prohibiting bullying and outlining the technology center's plan to address it.

Sample Disciplinary Options

Instructor or Administrator Intervention

May include but is not limited to: warning conference with student, parent conference, referral to counselor, behavioral contract, restriction of privileges, requirement of corrective action by student, changing student's seat or class assignment, involvement of local authorities or agencies, or other appropriate action as required or indicated by the circumstances.

Detention or In-School Intervention

Detention is a correctional measure used when it is deemed appropriate. Students are to report to the appropriate teacher/campus director at the specified time with class work to be studied. Detention may be assigned on a weekday or on a Saturday, as deemed appropriate.

Alternative In-School Placement

Alternative in-school placement is an optional correctional measure that may be used by the administration when deemed appropriate. It involves assignment to a site, designated by the technology center, for a prescribed course of education as determined by school representatives. Any such placement will be made in accordance with applicable special education procedural safeguards.

Alternative Out-of-School Placement

Alternative out-of-school placement is an optional correctional measure specifically authorized in cases when a student has made electronic communications intended to terrify, intimidate, harass, or threaten injury or harm to faculty or students. Any such placement will be made in accordance with applicable special education procedural safeguards.

School Service

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School service may be required of students when an administrator believes that it would allow the student to understand the logical consequences of his/her conduct. Examples include, but are not limited to, cleaning after vandalism or littering, helping a teacher after disrupting a class, etc. School service will not be utilized to augment the district's workforce, in ways which are likely to endanger a student, or in a manner which is designed to unduly embarrass a student.

Out of School Student Suspension

Students may be suspended out of school pursuant to the technology center's policy regarding student suspension.

Student Privileges While Under Suspension

Participation in the extracurricular activities of the technology center is a privilege and not a right. Accordingly, when a student's behavior results in a determination by the campus director to impose disciplinary or other correctional measures against a student, the student will not be permitted to participate in any extracurricular activities offered by the technology center

during the term of the discipline unless, in the sole judgment of the director, such participation is appropriate given the nature of the offense.

"Extracurricular activities" include, but are not limited to, all technology center sponsored teams, clubs, organizations, ceremonies, student government, etc.