



Billings Public Schools Elementary Schools Discipline and Behavior Procedures

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An atmosphere conducive to learning must be created in schools for a student to learn and for a teacher to teach. Behavior that interrupts or disturbs this orderly environment must be dealt with promptly, firmly, fairly, and consistently.

It is the intent of the Billings Public Elementary School Administration to support teachers in the areas of classroom behavior and student discipline.

The Board of Trustees grants authority to a teacher or principal to hold a student to strict accountability for disorderly conduct in school, on the way to or from school, or during intermission or recess.

In addition, the Board of Trustees grants authority to any teacher and to any other school personnel to impose on student under their charge any disciplinary measure, this is appropriate and in accordance with policies and rules on student discipline. This is in accordance with Student Discipline Policy 3200 and the policies cross-referenced therein and Policy 3350.

The following procedures allow disruptions in the educational environment to be handled appropriately. As you read this plan, please keep in mind that issues with legality may result in police involvement.

The follow are guidelines in which consideration of age, seriousness of infraction, and frequency will be factors used to determine a personalized discipline plan of action under administration discretion.

These behaviors include, but are not limited to:

Alcohol and Drugs sale, Use, Possession or Representation of Drug Paraphernalia

- Law enforcement authorities may be contacted. Due process hearing/expulsion proceedings, with possible recommendation to the Board of Trustees for expulsion.

Assault Specific intent to inflict harm or perform an offensive act

- Short-term suspension to suspension hearing to possible recommendation to the Board of Trustees for expulsion.

Bullying (see Anti-Bullying Contract), Cyber-bullying, Intimidation, Hazing or Serious Threat

1st Offence: Loss of privileges to 1 day in-school suspension

2nd Offence: 1 day in-school suspension to 3 days out-of-school suspension

3rd Offence: 1-5 days out-of-school suspension up to due process hearing

Electronic Use Violation (See Acceptable Use Policy)

1st Offence: Reprimand to loss of privileges

2nd Offence: 1 day in-school suspension., Loss of electronic privileges

3rd Offence: 1-5 days out-of-school suspension; Loss of electronic privileges

Defiance, Inappropriate Behavior, or Threat to Staff Member

1st Offence: Loss of privileges to 1 day in-school suspension

2nd Offence: 1 day in-school suspension to 3 days out-of-school suspension

3rd Offence: 1-5 days out-of-school suspension up to due process hearing

Fighting

1st Offence: Loss of privileges to 1 day in-school suspension

2nd Offence: 1 day in-school suspension to 3 days out-of-school suspension

3rd Offence: 1-5 days out-of-school suspension up to due process hearing

Inappropriate or Disruptive Behavior, Disorder Conduct; Obscene Language

1st Offence: Loss of privileges to 1 day in-school suspension

2nd Offence: 1 day in-school suspension to 3 days out-of-school suspension

3rd Offence: 1-5 days out-of-school suspension up to due process hearing

Property Violation

- 1st Offence: Restitution plus 1 day in-school suspension
- 2nd Offence: Restitution; 1-5 days out-of-school suspension
- 3rd Offence: Restitution; Due process hearing; Law enforcement authorities may be contacted

Sexual Discrimination and Other Pervasive and severe

- 1st Offence: Loss of privileges to 1 day in-school suspension; Complete Education Plan
- 2nd Offence: 1 day in-school suspension to 3 days out-of-school suspension; Complete Education Plan
- 3rd Offence: 1-5 days out-of-school suspension up to due process hearing; Complete Education Plan

Stealing or Extortion

Restitution; up to out-of-school suspension

Tobacco: Use or Possession

- 1st Offence: Loss of privileges to 1 day in-school suspension
- 2nd Offence: 1 day in-school suspension to 3 days out-of-school suspension

Truancy

- 1st Offence: Loss of privileges; parental contact
- 2nd Offence: Detention and /or school community service; parent contact
- 3rd Offence: Referral to Truancy Officer

Weapons (See Weapons Contract) and Explosives Using, Possessing, Controlling or Transferring any object that Reasonable could be Considered or Used as a Weapon

- Law Enforcement Authority may be contacted. Due process hearing/expulsion proceedings with possible recommendation to the Board of Trustees for expulsion.