

PARENTS — IMPORTANT NOTICE

**LOS ALAMITOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD POLICY AND DISTRICT REGULATIONS ON STUDENT BEHAVIOR**

This notification is the Board of Education’s official policy statement concerning student behavior. It is the duty of the school principal to inform students at the start of each year of Board policies and school rules concerning their behavior. (California Education Code 35291).

1. **CONDUCT** - The primary objectives of the district school system are directed toward the development of a better child, a better citizen, and a better community. Principals, teachers, and parents shall cooperate in an effort to instill within all pupils attitudes which reflect respect and pride for themselves, their school, their community, and their country.
 - a. Students shall respect authority. This shall include conformance to school rules and regulations and those provisions of civil law that apply to the conduct of juveniles or minors.
 - b. Student conduct shall reflect consideration for the rights and privileges of others and demands cooperation with all members of the school community.
 - c. High personal standards of courtesy, decency, morality, clean language, honesty, and respectful relationships with others shall be maintained. Respect for personal property, pride in the student’s work, and achievement within the student’s ability shall be expected of each student.
2. **RESPONSES TO THREAT-MAKING BEHAVIOR** - In order to maintain safe, caring and orderly school environments, the District will be vigilant in dealing with threat-making behavior and will follow a protocol to assess risk. Any threat aimed to harm or injure students or staff, or directed at a campus in general, in any form, will be initially investigated by a school official and then, if necessary, the Threat Assessment Team and/or law enforcement. The Threat Assessment Team is comprised of school officials from multiple disciplines (counselor, school psychologist, administrator, teacher, school resource officer, etc.) collectively trained to evaluate risk. The investigation may include interviewing students who are directly involved in the threat-making incidents to properly measure the level of risk. Parents of students who are directly involved will be notified.

Although very few incidents of this nature occur, the Los Alamitos Unified School District is committed to take all necessary precautions to keep our school campuses, staff and students safe. Parents and students are encouraged to report any information they have related to threat-making behavior to a member of your school staff. The most effective means of combatting a potential act of violence in our schools is communication among the students, parents and the school.

3. **USE OF E-CIGARRETTES - VAPING/VAPE RELATED PRODUCTS** – The Board prohibits the use of tobacco products at any time in district-owned or leased buildings, on district property, and in district vehicles.

This prohibition applies to all employees, students, and visitors at any school-sponsored instructional program, activity, or athletic event held on or off district property. Any written joint

use agreement governing community use of district facilities or grounds shall include notice of the district's tobacco-free schools policy and consequences for violations of the policy.

Prohibited products include any product containing tobacco or nicotine, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew, clove cigarettes, betel, and nicotine delivery devices such as electronic cigarettes and vaping devices. The District uniformly applies its progressive discipline procedures, that include cessation classes, for students who violate this policy and education code (48900 h).

4. **NON-DISCRIMINATION** - All students, staff and visitors have the right to attend school, participate in programs and activities, and be free from any form of discrimination based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital/parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, immigration/citizenship status; or genetic information; the perception of one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

In an effort to establish and maintain a learning environment where all students can thrive, the Los Alamitos Unified School District takes reports of verbal or electronic act(s) of bullying, intimidation, harassment, discrimination, threat-making behavior and/or act of violence toward another student, based on the above characteristics, very seriously. Incidents of this nature are contrary to what the school and school district believe, and also violate Board Policy and the State of California's Education Code. Therefore, any reported act will be fully investigated, and appropriate measures will be taken in the area of school disciplinary measures, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion.

5. **SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION** — The Board recognizes that removal from the educational program of the schools, whether by suspension or expulsion, is the most severe sanction that can be imposed on a student in this district and one that cannot be imposed without due process since such removal deprives a child of his/her right to an education. No pupil shall be suspended or expelled for any of the acts enumerated unless that act is related to school activity or school attendance. A pupil may be suspended or expelled for acts which are enumerated in this section and are related to school activity or attendance which occur at any time, including but not limited to, any of the following:
 - a. While on school grounds.
 - b. While going to or coming from school.
 - c. During the lunch period, whether on or off the campus.
 - d. During, or while going to or coming from, a school-sponsored activity.

The Los Alamitos Unified School District Board of Education is fully committed to providing a safe and secure school environment in which students can effectively learn. The Board will not tolerate student behavior that threatens the safety of other pupils, staff or visitors.

MANDATORY EXPULSION (Ed. Code 48915-48926)

POSSESSING, SELLING, OR FURNISHING A FIREARM

Students found to be possessing, selling, or furnishing any firearm will be subject to **EXPULSION** from the Los Alamitos Unified School District on the first offense.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (DRUGS)

Students found to be selling any controlled substance will be subject to **EXPULSION** from the Los Alamitos Unified School District on the first offense.

KNIFE

Students found to be brandishing a knife at another person will be subject to **EXPULSION** from the Los Alamitos Unified School District on the first offense.

MANDATORY EXPULSION (Ed. Code 48915-48926)

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Students found to be committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or committing a sexual battery will be subject to **EXPULSION** from the Los Alamitos Unified School District on the first offense.

EXPLOSIVES

Students found to be possessing an explosive device will be subject to expulsion from the Los Alamitos Unified School District on the first offense.

CAUSES FOR SUSPENSION/EXPULSION (Ed. Code 48900)

1. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person. Ed. Code 48900(a) (1)
2. Willfully used force or violence upon another, except in self defense. Ed. Code 48900(a)(2)
3. Possessed, sold or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object. Education Code 48900(b)
4. Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of, any controlled substance. Ed. Code 48900(c)
5. Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance (drug), an alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind, and then either sold, delivered, or furnished another liquid, substance, or material and represented it as a controlled substance (drug), alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant. Ed. Code 48900(d)

6. Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion. Ed. Code 48900(e)
 7. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property. Ed. Code 48900(f)
 8. Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property. Ed. Code 48900(g)
 9. Possessed or used tobacco or any type of products containing tobacco or nicotine products. Ed. Code 48900(h) & 48901 including electronic nicotine delivery devices (i.e; vape products)
 10. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity. Ed. Code 48900(i)
 11. Had unlawful possession of, or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia. Ed. Code 48900(j)
 12. Disrupted school activities; willfully defied school authority. Ed. Code 48900(k)
 13. Knowingly received stolen school property or private property. Ed. Code 48900(l)
 14. Possessed an imitation firearm. Ed. Code 48900(m)
 15. Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault or committed a sexual battery. Ed. Code 48900(n)
 16. Harassed, threatened or intimidated a student who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding. Ed. Code 48900(o)
 17. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma. Ed. Code 48900(p)
 18. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing. For purposes of this subdivision, “hazing” means a method of initiation or pre-initiation into a pupil organization or body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to a former, current, or prospective pupil. For purposes of this subdivision, “hazing” does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events. Ed. Code 48900(q)
 19. Engaged in an act of bullying, including, but not limited to, bullying committed by means of an electronic act, as defined in subdivisions (f) and (g) of Section 32261, directed specifically toward a pupil or school personnel. Ed. Code 48900(r)
 20. Committed sexual harassment. Ed. Code 212.5 and 48900.2 (Grades 4-12 only)
 21. Caused or attempted to cause, threatened to cause or participated in any act of hate violence. Ed. Code 48900.3 (Grades 4-12 only)
 22. Intentionally engaged in harassment, threats or intimidation against school district personnel or students or groups of students, that is sufficiently severe or pervasive to have the actual and reasonably expected effect of materially disrupting class work, creating substantial disorder and invading the rights of that student or group of students by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment. Education Code 48900.4
 23. Made terrorist threats against school official and/or school property. Ed. Code 48900.7
- 3. GROOMING AND DRESS POLICIES** — Students’ grooming and standards of dress are to be appropriate to class and school activities. Clothing which will create disruption of school activities, including gang-related apparel, is not to be worn.
- 4. CORPORAL PUNISHMENT** — There is no physical punishment administered in Los Alamitos Unified School District.

5. **DETENTION** — Students may be detained for disciplinary or other reasons for not more than one hour after the close of the maximum school day. Parents are to be notified by school personnel that a child is being detained prior to actual detention.
6. **WORK STUDY** — This form of “detention” is to be made available to the student and/or parent as an alternative means of discipline. It is in lieu of suspension for a student who has, through his or her actions, demonstrated a behavior that warrants stringent disciplinary action.
7. **ATTENDANCE** — The Board is fully committed to California compulsory education laws. Under these laws, parents or guardians have the primary responsibility for keeping their students in regular attendance, recognizing that classroom attendance and punctuality are essential. Education Code section 48290 provides for the criminal prosecution of parents/guardians who have violated California compulsory education laws, including laws pertaining to truancy.
8. **GANG-RELATED MISCONDUCT** — Students who, as part of a gang membership, affiliation or identification, engage in violence or disruptive conduct will be subject to discipline, including suspension and expulsion.