

## **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Background**

The Mt. Lebanon School District has long been committed to the maintenance of a safe, secure and positive environment for learning. Toward that end, the District has adopted a code of student conduct and disciplinary guidelines that may impose withdrawal of privileges and other disciplinary actions such as suspension and/or possible expulsion from school.

### **Objective**

It is the objective of this Policy to ensure that the District's Student Code of Conduct and disciplinary guidelines be effectively communicated and enforced in order to maintain a safe, secure and positive learning environment.

### **Policy**

The following acts, when committed in any school building or on any school premises; in any school-owned vehicles or any other school-approved vehicles used to transport students to and from school or school activities; off school property at any school sponsored, school-related or school approved activity, event or function; during time necessarily spent in coming to and returning from school or when the student is otherwise under the District's jurisdiction, are punishable by withdrawal of privileges including but not limited to extracurricular activities, graduation ceremonies, or other disciplinary action and by detention, suspension and/or possible expulsion from school.

1. Violating general behavior guidelines and/or Student Handbooks as adopted and published by the District and/or School Administration.
2. Engaging in any conduct or activity contrary to, or in violation of Federal Law, the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, the School Code, ordinances of Mt. Lebanon, published policies or regulations of the School District, or any other applicable statutes, regulations, ordinances, policies or rules.
3. Insubordination or defiance relating to directions from faculty, staff, administration, or other persons designated to be in a position of authority.
4. Showing insolence or callous disrespect (including but not limited to indecent or obscene language) to a member of the faculty, staff, or other School District employee, guest of the School District, or other persons with whom the student has contact in connection with a school-related event.
5. Distributing, offering, soliciting, dispensing, possessing, using or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, malt beverage or fortified wine or other intoxicating

liquor or unlawfully manufacturing, distributing, offering, soliciting, dispensing, possessing or using or being under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, designer drugs, lookalikes, drug paraphernalia, anabolic steroid or any other controlled substance or other intoxicant or substance causing a stimulant, depressant, hallucinogenic or toxic effect. Possession or use of any drug or controlled substance by a student for a valid legal medical purpose must comply with the requirements and procedures established by the District for administering medications to students.

6. Smoking, use or possession of any e-cigarette, tobacco product, including smokeless tobacco in any form.
7. Engaging in conduct constituting a terroristic threat or terroristic act.
8. Causing or attempting to cause willful destruction of school or private property, vandalism or attempted vandalism, theft or attempted theft.
9. Improper use of School District computers, technology, networks, e-mail, internet access or websites, including violations of School District policies, procedures and guidelines related to any of the foregoing.
10. Engaging in violent, aggressive or abusive behavior, physically abusing an individual; or harassment of an individual, including sexual harassment, through conduct or communications and engaging in prohibited and/or inappropriate conduct of a sexual nature.
11. Intimidation, bullying, or hazing, including physical or verbal behavior.
12. Carrying or possessing firearms, explosives, or any weapon, except while being used in administration approved activities.
13. Turning in a fire alarm or bomb threat/claim, or any other safety-related claim or report which is false, or otherwise improperly causing or risking panic, injury, damage to property or disruption of school activities.
14. Intentionally starting a fire, creating a hazard, or causing an explosion and thereby recklessly placing a person in danger of death or bodily harm, or intentionally frightening persons, or with the intention to destroy or damage property.
15. Incurring an excessive number of unexcused absences, or of late attendance which shall include failure to report to assigned classes, study halls, or home rooms on time and as scheduled.
16. Stalking or persistently following, contacting, watching or any other such threatening actions that compromise peace of mind or personal safety. JIC EPS/NSBA Page 3 of 3  
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17. Engaging in intimidating or harassing conduct, including but not limited to making slurs or other such comments that are insulting, disparaging or derogatory, whether made directly or by innuendo, based upon or regarding a person's race, ethnic origin, religion, disability or sexual orientation.
18. Conspiring or attempting to commit, or aiding or abetting any of the foregoing, and/or, unless permitted by law or regulation, refusing to cooperate with or impeding an investigation by the administration and/or police of any of the foregoing.
19. Knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information to school officials in connection with reports of misconduct or discrimination complaints, including formal complaints of sexual harassment under Title IX.

This policy is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other policies, guidelines and procedures which may relate to any of the foregoing prohibited activities.

#### Administration Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the Administration to implement and enforce this policy, and to develop Administration Procedures for implementation and enforcement where necessary. The Administration also will be responsible for notifying students, staff and parents about this policy through publications such as the Student Handbooks and/or other communications as deemed appropriate.

#### Communication

This policy shall be communicated to:

1. Students and Parents
2. All District Staff
3. The Mt. Lebanon Community

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