

POST FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 273

Procedure Title: Conduct/Discipline

Section Title: Short-term Suspension

Sub-Section No. 504.9d

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To promote desirable student conduct and behavior, to codify penalties yet retain administrative flexibility in application, and to enforce in a uniform but equitable manner, a guideline for discipline related to misconduct or inappropriate behaviors that are seriously disruptive and may, but is not required to, result in short term suspension is set out below. Other disciplinary action included but not limited to prolonged or long term suspension and/or expulsion may be imposed.

1. Short term suspension refers to suspension of not more than five (5) continuous school days. Ordinarily suspension would not exceed three (3) full continuous school days when imposed for first time violations for the misconduct or inappropriate behaviors identified below, although longer suspension, expulsion or other disciplinary action may be imposed.
2. Misconduct or inappropriate behavior that may be subject to short term suspension, as well as other disciplinary action, is that behavior covered by Idaho Code 33-205 et. seq., federal and state law, and includes but is not limited to:
 - A. Assault: intentionally engaging in conduct (without physical contact) that places another in reasonable apprehension of bodily harm (includes threats and verbal assaults).
 - B. Fighting: quarreling involving bodily contact but not seriously injurious.
 - C. Forgery: the false making or altering, with intent to defraud, of a writing or data.
 - D. Theft: wrongfully obtaining or withholding the property or service of another and including knowingly receiving or possession of stolen goods.
 - E. Destruction of property of another or to intentionally deface or injure school property.
 - F. Extortion: knowingly obtaining or withholding or attempting to obtain or withhold property or services or knowingly obtaining money or information by use of threats, coercion or intimidation.
 - G. Use of intimidation, coercion or force.
 - H. Harassment, intimidation and bullying; any intentional gesture, written, verbal or physical act or threat by a student that will have the effect of:
 1. Harming a student; or
 2. Damaging a student's property; or
 3. Placing a student in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person; or
 4. Place a student in reasonable fear of damage of his/her property; or
 5. Is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for a student.
 - I. Possession and/or use of tobacco products and nicotine products such as e-cigarettes.
 - J. Possession and/or use of illegal drugs and/or alcohol.
 - K. Distribution, delivery or sale of look-alike drugs.

- L. Truancy: excessive violation of attendance requirements by unexcused absences and/or tardies.
 - M. A participant's behaviors or conduct in violation of the athletic code not falling within the scope of longer term suspension or expulsion as provided in Policy 504.9e.
 - N. Unlawful gang membership or activities. See Policy 504.9e.
 - O. Claiming unlawful gang membership/activities; statements, written documents, and/or action by which a student makes claims of belonging to an unlawful gang or participating in unlawful gang activities. See Policy 504.9e.
 - P. Racial, ethnic, gender, sexual or other harassment or abuse which may include any derogatory remark, word, phrase, act, picture or gesture referencing or directed at or to any individual or groups which is of a racial, ethnic, gender or sexual nature.
 - Q. Using or publishing profane, obscene, libelous or indecent language and/or gestures, or making such propositions or exhibitions.
 - R. Defiance of or insubordination to school personnel including failure to follow directions; students must obey the lawful instruction of school district personnel.
 - S. Any behavior that is seriously disruptive, including without limitation, interfering with school authorities and programs.
 - T. Acts which are detrimental to or which may endanger or jeopardize, directly or indirectly, the health, safety and welfare or the physical and psychological well-being of other students.
 - U. Engaging in other illegal behavior.
3. The foregoing list is designed to be used as a guide and is not to be interpreted as an inclusive list of all exceptional behaviors that may be subject to short term suspension or other disciplinary action.

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