

Student Discipline

A teacher or principal has the authority to hold a pupil to strict accountability for disorderly conduct in school, on the way to or from school, or during intermission or recess.

Disciplinary action may be taken against any student guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct, including, but not limited to:

- Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling tobacco products, including e-cigarettes or other similar products.
- Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling alcoholic beverages. Students who are under the influence are not permitted to attend school functions and are treated as though they had alcohol in their possession.
- Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling drug paraphernalia, illegal drugs, controlled substances, or any substance which is represented to be or looks like a narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, stimulant, depressant, or intoxicant of any kind, including such substances that contain chemicals which produce the same effect of illegal substances including but not limited to Spice and K2. Students who may be under the influence of such substances will not be permitted to attend school functions and will be treated as though they had drugs in their possession.
- Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring a weapon in violation of the “Possession of Weapons other than Firearms” section in Board Policy #3311.
- Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring any object that reasonably could be considered or used as a weapon as referred to in Board Policy #3311.
- Disobeying directives from staff members or school officials and/or rules and regulations governing student conduct.
- Using violence, force, noise, coercion, threats, intimidation, fear, or other comparable conduct toward anyone or urging other students to engage in such conduct.
- Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school property or another person’s property.
- Engaging in any activity that constitutes disorderly conduct, an interference with school purposes or an educational function, or any other disruptive activity.
- Unexcused absenteeism; however, the truancy statutes and Board policy will be utilized for chronic and habitual truants.
- Hazing or bullying.
- The forging of any signature, or the making of any false entry, or attempting to authorize any document used or intended to be used in connection with the operation of the school.

These grounds stated above for disciplinary action apply whenever the student's conduct is reasonably related to school or school activities, including, but not limited to the circumstances set forth below:

- On, or within sight of, school grounds before, during, or after school hours or at any other time when the school is being used by a school group;
- Off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity, or event, or any activity or event which bears a reasonable relationship to school;
- Traveling to and from school or a school activity, function, or event; or
- Anywhere, if the conduct may reasonably be considered to be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member, or an interference with school purposes or an educational function.

Disciplinary Measures

Disciplinary measures include, but are not limited to:

- Expulsion
- Suspension
- Detention, including Saturday School
- Clean-Up Duty
- Loss of Student Privileges
- Loss of Bus Privileges
- Notification to Juvenile Authorities and/or Police
- Restitution for Damages to School Property

No person who is employed or engaged by the District may inflict or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment on a student. Corporal punishment does not include reasonable force District personnel are permitted to use as needed to maintain safety for other students, school personnel, or other persons, or for the purpose of self-defense.

Delegation of Authority

Each teacher, and any other school personnel when students are under his/her charge, is authorized to impose any disciplinary measure, other than suspension, or expulsion, corporal punishment or in-school suspension, which is appropriate and in accordance with the policies and rules on student discipline. Teachers may remove students from a classroom for disruptive behavior.

Cross Reference: 3300 Corrective Actions and Punishment
3226 Bullying/Harassment/Hazing/Intimidation/Menacing
3311 Firearms and Weapons

Legal Reference:	20-4-302, MCA	Discipline and punishment of pupils - definition of corporal
	20-5-202, MCA	Suspension and expulsion
	45-8-361, MCA	Possession or allowing possession of weapon in school building
	18 U.S.C. 921	Definitions
	18 U.S.C. 922	Unlawful acts
	20 U.S.C. 8921, et seq.	Gun Free Schools Act of 1994
	29 U.S.C. 701	Rehabilitation Act of 1973

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