

**Student Conduct**

The Board expects students in the district schools to act in such a fashion that their behavior will reflect favorably on the individual student and on the school, will show consideration for fellow students, and will create a safe harmonious school atmosphere.

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner fitting to their age level and maturity and with respect and consideration for the rights of others while on school district property; while on school owned and/or operated school or chartered vehicles; or while attending or engaged in school activities.

To accomplish this, all students must recognize their individual responsibilities and obligations and discharge them in accordance with the school regulations.

Any of the following actions or similar behaviors will subject a student to suspension, expulsion, or other school disciplinary measure:

Intentionally causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to school property; or stealing or attempting to steal school property;

Intentionally causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to private property; stealing or attempting to steal private property;

Intentionally causing or attempting to cause physical injury to another person except in self-defense;

Knowingly possessing or transmitting any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object, except as allowed by Law;

Knowingly possessing, using, transmitting, or being under the influence of, any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind except pursuant to a valid prescription which has been provided to the school;

Knowingly using or copying the academic work of another and presenting it as his or her own without proper attribution;

Repeatedly and intentionally defying the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, or administrators, and/or causing interruption of the school program;

Using a substance or device to communicate a terroristic threat;

Using a hoax substance or device to cause fear of a terroristic act;

Falsely reporting a threat.

In addition to school disciplinary measures some of the above actions are subject to punishment through civil and criminal authorities.

The above prohibited actions will be printed in a handbook or other publication and made available to students and parents.

School building administrators will not recommend a student for suspension or expulsion, except when the student has engaged in one of the prohibited actions mentioned above or other acts of misconduct while on school property or taking part in a school activity off school grounds.

**Legal References:**

SDCL 13-32-5 (Injury to school property)

SDCL 13-32-6 (Disturbance of school misdemeanor)

SDCL 13-32-7 (Possession of firearms on school grounds)

SDCL 22-14A-24 (Use of device to communicate a threat)

SDCL 22-14A-25 (Use of hoax substance or device to cause fear)

SDCL 25-5-15 (Parental liability for willful acts of a child)

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