



ADDENDUM TO THE STUDENT HANDBOOK: DISCIPLINE POLICY

The Provisions of Act 473 of the Regular Session of the 2021 Louisiana Legislature become effective August 1, 2021. This addendum is provided to outline the changes to the APSB Student Handbook due to the Provisions of Act 473. The electronic handbook posted on the APSB website(www.apsb.org) contains all changes in context. Pages 28 – 29 have been redacted and are now contained in this addendum.

I. Offenses

A. General:

THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR STUDENT CONDUCT RESTS WITH THE STUDENT AND THE PARENTS. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO SEE THAT NO PERSON INTERFERES WITH THE TOTAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT OF OTHER STUDENTS. THE SCHOOL DEMONSTRATES CONCERN FOR THE GROUP AND ITS WELFARE BY PRESERVING THE PROPER ATMOSPHERE FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

Every teacher is authorized to hold every student to a strict accountability for any disorderly conduct in school or on the playground of the school or on any street, road, or school bus going to or returning from school, and during intermissions or recesses (R.S. 17:416).

It is the final authority of the principal or a designee to maintain discipline during the school day and at any school function. Disciplinary offenses shall result in disciplinary action.

- B. Major and Minor Interventions, Disciplinary actions, and Disciplinary measures may be used interchangeable as deemed by the school administration depending on the grade level of the student and disciplinary offense. These includes, but is are not limited to, the following.

Minor:

1. Counsel/Warn a student
2. Administer reinforcement work
3. Contact parents/guardian
4. Time-out (1 or more periods)
5. Peer Mediation
6. Referral to SBLC
7. Restorative justice practices
8. After-school behavior clinic
9. Before or After-school detention
10. Loss of Privileges, including but not limited to participation in extracurricular activities, parking lot privileges; or driving to school

Major:

1. Saturday Detention
2. Loss of Privileges, including but not limited to participation in extracurricular activities, parking lot privileges; or driving to school
3. In-school suspension
4. Out-of-school suspension
5. Expulsion
6. Any combination of these disciplinary actions.

- C. "Major and Minor Disciplinary offenses" include, but are not limited to, the following. Minor and Major offenses may vary depending on the grade level of the student and the severity of the offense. **The corresponding LDOE Behavior Report number is in parenthesis.**

Minor:

1. Littering
2. Improper Dress (43)
3. Minor Classroom Disruptions
4. Violation of the Tardy Policy
5. Truancy

Major:

6. Accumulation of Minor Offenses
7. Willful Disobedience (1)
8. Treats an authority with disrespect (2)
9. Makes an unfounded charge against authority (3)
10. Uses profane/and/or obscene language (4)
11. Is guilty of immoral or vicious practice (5)

12. Is guilty of conduct or habits injurious to his/her associates (6)
13. Uses or possesses any controlled dangerous substances governed by the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substance Law in any form (7)
14. Uses or possesses tobacco (8)
15. Uses or possesses alcoholic beverages (9)
16. Disturbs the school or habitually violates any rule (10)
17. Cuts, defaces, or injures any part of public-school buildings/vandalism (11)
18. Writes profane and/or obscene language or draws obscene pictures (12)
19. Possesses a weapon - as defined in Section 921 of Title 18 of the U. S. Code
*Use of Code 13 requires additional submission of the Weapon Type code. (13)
20. Possesses firearms (not prohibited by federal law), knives, or other implements, which may be used as weapons, the careless use of which might inflict harm or injury (14)
21. Throws missiles liable to injure others (15)
22. Instigates or participates in fights while under school supervision (16)
23. Violates traffic and safety regulations (17)
24. Leaves school premises or classroom without permission (18)
25. Is habitually tardy and/or absent (19)
26. Is guilty of stealing (20)
27. Commits any other serious offense (21)
28. Murder
29. Assault and/or battery
30. Rape and/or sexual battery
31. Kidnapping
32. Arson
33. Criminal damage to property
34. Burglary
35. Misappropriation with violence to the person
36. Discharge or use of weapon(s) prohibited by federal law (30)
37. Possesses a knife with blade length defined by law as punishable as a disciplinary offense (31)
38. Serious bodily injury
39. Use of OTC medications in a manner other than prescribed or authorized (33)
40. Possession of body armor (34)
41. Bullying (35)
42. Cyberbullying (36)
43. False alarm/bomb threat (37)
44. Forgery (38)
45. Gambling (39)
46. Public indecency (40)
47. Obscene behavior or possession of obscene/pornographic material (41)
48. Unauthorized use of technology (42)
49. Academic dishonesty (44)
50. Trespassing violation (45)
51. Failure to serve assigned consequence (46)
52. Misusing internet (47)
53. Threatening (verbally or physically) any student, administrator, faculty member or school personnel.

**There are no changes to the offense on pages 30-32 in the APSB Student Handbook . Please refer to the handbook for reference to additional offenses. **

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Expulsion Procedures

B. The expulsion hearing shall be held within ~~30~~ 15 days of the recommendation.

GLOSSARY:

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6. DANGEROUS WEAPON – any gas, liquid, or other substance or instrumentality, which in the manner used, is likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

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16. FIREARM – any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, machine gun, submachine gun, black powder weapon, or assault rifle that is designed to fire or is capable of firing fixed cartridge ammunition or from which a shot or projectile is discharged by an explosive.