SCHOLAR CONDUCT: 3240

Scholars are responsible to observe the laws of the United States, the state of Washington, and its subdivisions. The District understands and affirms that conduct and behavior are closely associated with learning. An effective instructional program requires a wholesome and orderly school environment. The District requires that each scholar adhere to the rules of conduct established by the District and its various schools and programs, and to submit to corrective action taken as a result of conduct violations. The rules of conduct are applicable on school property, on school-sponsored transportation, at school events off school property, and off school property if the conduct materially and substantially affects the educational process or District operations. Refusal to comply with written rules and procedures established for the governing of the school will constitute sufficient cause for discipline, suspension, or expulsion in accordance with Policy 3241 and Procedure 3241P.

Scholars are expected to:

1. Follow reasonable standards of socially acceptable behavior;
2. Respect the rights, person, and property of others;
3. Preserve the degree of order necessary for positive climate for learning; and
4. Respect the authority of staff and respond accordingly.

The District, in consultation with staff, scholars, families, and the community, will periodically review and update its scholar corrective action rules, policies, and procedures.

Scholar Conduct Rules

Scholars will comply with all federal, state, and local laws, District policies, school bus rules, athletic and activity codes, parking regulations, and the directions of teachers, scholar teachers, substitute teachers, educational assistants, principals, or other authorized school personnel when the scholars are properly under the authority of such school personnel. In addition to these rules and procedures, each school in the District may provide additional rules and procedures, not in conflict with those stated herein, regarding scholar conduct and the administering of corrective action applicable to that school.

Any conduct that materially and substantially interferes with the educational process is prohibited. The following list of offenses generally describes such conduct but is not intended to be exclusive. Each type of conduct is specifically prohibited on school grounds, on school-sponsored transportation, at school events off school grounds, and off school grounds if the conduct materially and substantially affects the educational process or District operations.

The following misconduct is subject to progressive discipline, neither long-term suspension nor non-emergency expulsions will be imposed in response to scholar misconduct in a manner that constitutes discretionary discipline. Discretionary discipline as defined in RCW 28A.600.015 means a disciplinary action taken by a school for student behavior that violates rules of conduct adopted by a school district. When responding to behavioral violations, teachers and other school personnel must first attempt one or more other forms of discipline before consideration is given to administering a classroom exclusion, short term suspension, or in-school suspension.

Definitions

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Academic Dishonesty/Plagiarism – Knowingly submitting the work of others represented as the scholar's own, or assisting another scholar in doing so, or using authorized sources (example: not giving credit for another person's work).

Alcohol Distribution – refers to behavioral violations involving the transportation, delivery, or distribution of alcohol in violation of District policy.

Alcohol Possession or Use – refers to behavioral violations involving the possession or consumption of alcohol in violation of District policy.

Alteration of Records – Falsification, alteration, or destruction of any school record or any communication between home and school is prohibited.

Arson – Knowingly and/or maliciously causing a fire or explosion is prohibited.

Assault – The threatened or attempted use of force or violence upon the person of another is prohibited. Pursuant to RCW 28A.635.090, scholars who interfere by force or violence with school personnel or other scholars are subject to immediate suspension or expulsion.

Assault I – refers to behavioral violations involving an assault upon another person that do not meet the definition of an offense under RCW 9A.36.011 or RCW 9A.36.021.

Assault II – refers to behavioral violations that meet the definition of an offense under RCW 9A.36.011 or RCW 9A.36.021—which may include behavioral violations under WAC 392-172A-05149(1)(c) involving "serious bodily injury" as defined under Section 1365 (h)(3) of Title 18, U.S.C.

Attendance – Scholars must maintain regular school attendance in accordance with Policy 3121.

Bomb Threats – Threatening to bomb or damage any public- school facility or property is prohibited.

Bullying – refers to behavioral violations constituting intentional, unwanted, aggressive behavior that (1) involves a real or perceived power imbalance, (2) is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time, and (3) meets the criteria under RCW 28A.600.477(5)(b)(i)—excluding Type Four behavioral violations that constitute sexual harassment, discriminatory harassment, and malicious harassment.

Burglary – Breaking into a school with intent to steal is prohibited.

Cheating – Intentional deception in the preparation or completion of any school assignment, assessment, examination, or project, or in the conduct of any school-related activity is prohibited, along with the aiding and abetting of such behavior by others.

Defiance – refers to behavioral violations involving minor dismissive or rude acts or expressions, whether verbal or nonverbal, in violation of District policy.

Destruction of Property – Defacing, injuring or damaging school property in any way is prohibited. Pursuant to RCW 28A.635.060, scholars and parent/guardian are liable to the school District for all damages to school District property. A scholar's grades, diploma, or transcript may be withheld pending repayment.

Disrespect – refers to behavioral violations involving minor dismissive or rude acts or expressions, whether verbal or nonverbal, in violation of District policy.

Disruptive Conduct – Willful conduct, which creates a disturbance on school premises or interferes with the educational process, is prohibited. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to:

A. Occupying a school building or school grounds in order to deprive others of its use;
B. Blocking the entrance or exit of any school building or room in order to deprive others of passing through;
C. Preventing scholars from attending a class or school activity;
D. Blocking normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic on a school campus; and
E. Interfering seriously with the conduct of any class or activity.

Disruptive Conduct I – refers to behavioral violations involving low-intensity actions that may briefly interrupt learning activities in violation of District policy.

Disruptive Conduct II – refers to behavioral violations involving actions that materially and substantially interfere with the educational process in violation of District policy.

Disruptive Dress and Appearance – Dress and appearance must not present health or safety problems, intimidate others, or cause disruption. See Policy 3224. The District's dress code and grooming policies may not discriminate on the basis of a protected class under chapters 28A.640 or 28A.642 RCW, including sex, race, color, religion, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and disability. The District may not discriminate against students who have hairstyles or hair texture that is historically associated or perceived to be associated with race, including "protective hairstyles" such as afros, braids, locks, and twists.

Drugs and Mind-Altering Substances – Scholars will not illegally use, possess, or be under the influence of drugs, mind-altering substances, medication not prescribed by a physician and approved in writing by the parent/guardian, drug paraphernalia or any item which purports to be such.

Explosives – Possession or use of anything tending or serving to explode with force or violence, such as firecrackers, bullets, or pipe bombs, is prohibited.

Extortion/Blackmail/Coercion – Obtaining money or property by violence or threat of violence or forcing someone to do something by force or threat of force is prohibited.

Failure to Cooperate – refers to behavioral violations involving repeated failure to comply with or follow reasonable and lawful directions or requests by school personnel in violation of District policy.

False Accusations/Defamation – Scholars will not make untrue charges of wrongful conduct or other defamatory statements.

False Alarms/Fire Apparatus – Setting off false alarms, discharging or stealing a fire extinguisher or damaging alarm systems is prohibited.

Firearm – refers to behavioral violations that meet the definition of offenses requiring a mandatory one-year expulsion under the Gun-Free Schools Act; WAC 392-400-820(1); RCW 28A.600.420(1).

Fighting without Major Injury – refers to behavioral violations involving mutual participation in physical violence where there is no injury that meets the definition of "substantial bodily

harm" or "great bodily harm" under RCW 9A.04.110(4).

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Forgery – The act of fraudulently using in writing the name of another person or falsifying times, dates, grades, addresses, or other data is prohibited.

Gambling – The act of risking or betting something of value on the outcome of an event, a game of chance, etc.

Gang Intimidation or Activity – In accordance with Policy and Procedure 3225, scholars will not display, reflect, or participate in dress, apparel, activities, acts, behaviors, or manner of grooming which: (a) lead school officials to reasonably believe that such behavior, apparel, activities, acts or other attributes are gang related and would disrupt or interfere with the school environment, activity or educational objectives; (b) present a physical safety hazard to self, scholars, staff and others; (c) create an atmosphere in which a scholar, staff, or other person's well-being is adversely affected by undue pressure, behavior, intimidation, overt gesture or threat of violence, or (d) imply gang membership or affiliation by written communication, marks, drawing, painting, design, emblem upon any school or personal property or on one's person.

Harassment, Discriminatory – refers to behavioral violations constituting conduct or communication that is intended to be harmful, humiliating, or physically threatening, and shows hostility toward a person or persons based on their real or perceived sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran or military status, disability, or use of a trained dog guide or service animal in violation of district policy.

Harassment, Malicious – Derogatory action or intimidation of another person in a way that places that person in reasonable fear of harm to his/her person or property or disrupts the learning environment. See Policy 3207.

Harassment, Sexual – Unwelcome or uninvited sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexual comments, cartoons, innuendoes and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature is prohibited. See Policy 3207.

Hazing – Scholars will not participate, conspire to participate, or conspire for others to participate in hazing or harassing acts that injure, degrade, or disgrace, or tend to injure, degrade, or disgrace other individuals.

Illicit Drug Distribution – refers to behavioral violations that meet the definition of delivery of controlled substances under chapter 69.50 RCW. The sale of drugs, alcohol or mind-altering substances is subject to the District's discipline policy.

Inappropriate Display of Affection – Overt displays of affection or sexually oriented actions, which violate standards of acceptable social conduct, are prohibited.

Inappropriate Language or Conduct – Vulgar, obscene, or profane language or conduct,

whether spoken, in writing, or in gesture or action, is prohibited.

Intimidation – Intimidation of school personnel or other scholars by direct threat of force or violence is prohibited.

Laser Pointers – Use and/or possession of laser points by scholars in any circumstance not under the direct supervision of a teacher is prohibited.

Leaving Campus During School Hours – Scholars are required to remain on the school grounds from time of arrival unless officially excused. Scholars involved with approved off-campus activities during school hours must have a valid off-campus pass in their possession. Visitations to other schools must be approved in advance by both principals.

Littering – Throwing, dropping, depositing, or discarding of litter is prohibited on public property.

Loitering – Loitering in lavatories, parking lots and designated off-limits areas is prohibited.

Marijuana Distribution – refers to behavioral violations that meet the definition of delivery of marijuana-related controlled substances under chapter 69.50 RCW.

Misuse of Electronic Information Systems – Scholars will comply with the acceptable use guidelines of Procedure 2022P when using electronic information systems such as e-mail, networks, and the Internet.

Motor Vehicles on School Property – Use of motor driven vehicles on school property by scholars, visitors, and school employees will be regulated in the interest of safety. See Policy 3243.

Need to Identify Self – All persons must, upon request, identify themselves to school personnel.

Other I – refers to behavioral violations not amounting to a Type Two behavioral violation but that cannot be categorized under any other Type One behavioral violations.

Other II – refers to behavioral violations not amounting to a Type Three behavioral violation but that cannot be categorized under any other Type Two behavioral violations.

Other III – refers to behavioral violations not amounting to a Type Four behavioral violation but that cannot be categorized under any other Type Three behavioral violations.

Physical Aggression – refers to behavioral violations involving a student engaging in physical contact where a minor injury may occur (e.g. hitting, kicking, slapping, hair pulling, scratching, etc.) in violation of District policy.

Physical Contact – refers to behavioral violations involving innocuous and non-threatening but inappropriate physical conduct in violation of District policy.

Safety I – refers to behavioral violations that meet the definition of "Behavior that adversely impacts the health or safety of other students or educational staff" under RCW 28A.600.015(6)(d) and meets the criteria for administering long-term suspension under subsections (a) and (b)(ii) of WAC 392-400-440(2) but that cannot be categorized under any other Type Four behavioral violations.

Safety II – refers to behavioral violations that meet the definition of "Behavior that adversely impacts the health or safety of other students or educational staff" under RCW

28A.600.015(6)(d) and meets the criteria for administering expulsion under WAC 392-400-445(2) but that does not constitute a Type Five behavioral violation under any other category.

Selling Items at School – Only authorized organizations may sell on school property or at school events.

Sexual Assault – refers to behavioral violations that meet the definition of certain sex offenses under RCW 9.94A.030(47).

Sexually Inappropriate Conduct – refers to behavioral violations involving obscene acts or expressions, whether verbal or non-verbal, in violation of District policy.

Scholar Expression – Scholar expression may not be vulgar, lewd, obscene, or plainly offensive, or be used to cause a substantial disruption of the educational process or interfere with the rights of others. School-sponsored expression may be further regulated on the basis of legitimate pedagogical concerns.

Tardiness – Scholars are expected to be punctual in arriving at school and to each of their classes. A school may not suspend or expel a scholar, in any manner, from school for absences or tardiness. A school may not convert absences or tardiness to other behavioral violations in order to suspend or expel a scholar. See Policy 3121 and 3241P.

Theft – The unauthorized carrying away of the personal property of another person or the property of the District is prohibited.

Threats to Kill Another Person (Including "hit lists").

Tobacco – Use or possession of tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) by scholars is prohibited. See Policy 3248.

Tobacco Distribution – refers to behavioral violations involving the transportation, distribution, or delivery of tobacco products in violation of District policy, including violations of the District's policy prohibiting the use of tobacco products on school property adopted in accordance with RCW 28A.210.310.

Trespassing – Being present in an unauthorized place or refusing to leave when ordered to do so is prohibited.

Robbery – Stealing from an individual by force or threat of force that meets the definition of an offense under RCW 9A.56.190 and RCW 9A.56.200 or RCW 9A.56.210 is prohibited.

Verbal Abuse – The use of disrespectful or threatening language to school personnel or other scholars is prohibited.

Violation of Suspension – During the period of any suspension from school, scholars will not enter upon any real and personal property that is owned, leased, rented, or controlled by the District without the express prior approval of a building principal or designee.

Scholar Athletic/Activity Code

The opportunity to participate in the interscholastic athletic program is a privilege granted to all scholars of the District. Participants in this voluntary program are expected to conform to

specific conduct standards established by the District, principals, athletic directors, and coaches. All interscholastic activities and events will be in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA).

A scholar who is found to be in violation of any athletic/activity rules is subject to removal from the team. Provision is made for a scholar who has allegedly violated one or more of the athletic/activity conduct rules to appeal a disciplinary action as specified in Procedure 2151P. General conduct expectations and requirements for scholars participating in athletics/activities are found in Policy 2151 and Procedure 2151P.

Cross References:	Administrative Policy – 3207	Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
	Administrative Policy – 3210	Nondiscrimination
	Administrative Policy – 3241	Discipline and Corrective Action for Scholar Misconduct
	Administrative Policy – 6605	Scholar Safety Walking to School and Riding Buses
	Administrative Policy – 6607	Scholar Conduct on Buses

Legal References:	RCW 4.24.190	Action against parent for willful injury to property by minor–Monetary limitation
	RCW 9A.16.020	Use of force–when lawful
	RCW 9.41	Firearms and dangerous weapons
	RCW 9.41.280	Possessing dangerous weapons on school facilities– Penalty–Exceptions
	RCW 9.91.160	Personal Protection spray devices
	RCW 28A.600.020	Exclusion of scholar from classroom–Written disciplinary procedures–Long-term suspension or expulsion
	RCW 28A.600.040	Pupils to comply with rules & regulations
	RCW 28A.400.110	Principal to assure appropriate scholar discipline
	RCW 28A.600.420	Firearms on school premises, transportation, or facilities–Penalty–Exemptions
Legal References	RCW 28A.635.060	Defacing or injuring school property–Liability of pupil, parent, or guardian–Withholding grades, diploma, or transcripts–Suspension and restitution–Voluntary work program as alternative–Rights protected
	WAC 392-400-205	Definition
	WAC 392-400-225	School district rules defining misconduct–

	Distribution of rules
USC 3171 et. seq.	Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act