

Student Conduct Expectations

As authorized by chapter 28A.600 RCW, the following procedure sets forth rights and conduct expectations for students, along with the sanctions that may be imposed for violations of such expectations. At all times, this procedure will be read consistent with federal statutes and regulations, state statutes, common law, and rules promulgated by the Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. For procedures and legal requirements related to imposition of classroom exclusion, suspension, expulsion, or emergency removal, see Policy and Procedure 3241, Student Discipline.

Respect for the Law and the Rights of Others

The student is responsible as a citizen to observe the laws of the United States, the state of Washington, and local ordinances and laws. The student will respect the rights of others while in school, on school property, at all school activities, on district provided transportation or otherwise under school authority.

Prohibited Behaviors

The following conduct may result in corrective disciplinary action, including classroom exclusion, suspension, expulsion, or emergency removal:

1. **Academic Dishonesty:** Any student who knowingly submits the work of others represented as their own will be considered to have cheated or plagiarized. Cheating also includes the aiding or abetting of cheating by others.
2. **Alcohol:**
 - **Possession or Use:** Being under the influence of or possessing, using, consuming, or showing evidence of having consumed alcohol. Possession of empty alcohol containers on school property is also prohibited.
 - **Distribution:** Transportation, delivery, or distribution of alcohol.
3. **Arson:** Knowingly and maliciously causing a fire or explosion on school property. The possession of fire ignition devices is prohibited.
4. **Bomb Threat:** To threaten to bomb or otherwise injure any public or private school building, structure, or place used for human occupancy; or to communicate or repeat any information concerning such a threatened bombing or injury, knowing such information to be false and with intent to alarm the person or persons to whom the information is communicated or repeated.
5. **Bullying:** Unwanted aggressive behavior by another person or group that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated more than once or is highly likely to be repeated. It results in physical or educational harm. Cyberbullying is conducted with technology and is bullying. It creates a hostile environment at school.
6. **Disruptive Conduct:** Any conduct that materially and substantially interferes with the educational process.
 - Such conduct includes, but is not limited to, preventing students from attending a class or school activity, interfering seriously with the conduct of any class or activity, setting off a false alarm or disarming an alarm, unauthorized use of lasers and similar devices, and gang-affiliated behavior/symbols.
7. **Explosives:** Possession, use, or threat of explosives on district property or school-sponsored events (e.g., firecrackers, bullets).

8. **False Reporting:** Knowingly and falsely reporting or corroborating misbehavior of others that did not occur, spreading a false rumor maliciously, or making defamatory statements.
9. **Fighting:** Mutual participation in physical violence, including deliberately arranging a fight or willingly participating in an arranged fight that creates substantial risk or serious injury to the participants.
10. **Harassment-Disability:** Conduct or communication that 1) is harmful, humiliating, or physically threatening, and 2) shows hostility toward a person or persons based on their real or perceived disability, including the use of a trained dog guide or service animal.
11. **Harassment-Gender, Gender Identity, Gender Expression:** Conduct or communication that 1) is harmful, humiliating, or physically threatening, and 2) shows hostility toward a person or persons based on their real or perceived gender, gender identity, or gender expression.
12. **Harassment-Race, Color, Nationality:** Conduct or communication that 1) is harmful, humiliating, or physically threatening, and 2) shows hostility toward a person or persons based on their real or perceived race, color, or nationality.
13. **Harassment-Religion:** Conduct or communication that 1) is harmful, humiliating, or physically threatening, and 2) shows hostility toward a person or persons based on their real or perceived religion.
14. **Harassment-Sexual Orientation:** Conduct or communication that 1) is harmful, humiliating, or physically threatening, and 2) shows hostility toward a person or persons based on their real or perceived sexual orientation.
15. **Harassment-Other Characteristics:** Conduct or communication that 1) is harmful, humiliating, or physically threatening, and 2) shows hostility toward a person or persons based on their real or perceived distinguishing characteristics or perceived distinguishing characteristics.
16. **Hazing:** any action taken, or any situation created intentionally that causes embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule and risks emotional and/or physical harm to members of a group or team, regardless of the person's willingness to participate.
17. **Illicit Drugs (not Marijuana):**
 - **Possession or Use:** Being under the influence of or engaged in the unlawful use, cultivation, manufacture, possession, transportation, or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance on school district property. This includes the use or possession of any prescription or over-the-counter medication (e.g., aspirin, cough syrups, caffeine pills, nasal sprays).
 - **Distribution:** Distribution, sale, solicitation, or purchase of any controlled drug or narcotic substance on school district property. This includes the distribution, sale, solicitation, or purchase of any prescription or over-the-counter medication (e.g., aspirin, cough syrups, caffeine pills, nasal sprays).
18. **Inappropriate Language/Images:** Freedom of student expression is part of the district's instructional program. However, student expression in the form of language or imagery may not be hateful, profane, foul, 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 based on legitimate pedagogical concerns (see policy 3220, Freedom of Expression).
19. **Inappropriate Physical Contact:** Intentionally touching, pushing, shoving, or kicking another person or unwanted touching of another person's body such that the person is

uncomfortable with the behavior (this can include throwing, pushing, or shoving an object that comes into bodily contact with another person).

20. **Intimidation/Non-Sexual Harassment:** Non-violent/non-sexual words or actions which intentionally or knowingly put another person in fear of injury to their property or person. Proof of actual fear is not required to establish intimidation. It may be inferred from conduct, words, or circumstances reasonably calculated to produce fear. Can involve publicly insulting another person with abusive words, gestures, or images; obtaining money or property by violence or threat of violence; forcing someone to do something by force or threat of force; subjecting another person to alarm by conveying a report that the student knows to be false; or use of electronic or telephonic means to convey embarrassing information about another person.
21. **Marijuana:**
 - **Possession or Use:** Being under the influence of marijuana or the unlawful use, cultivation, possession, or transportation of cannabis. Possession of marijuana paraphernalia or items purported to be such is also prohibited.
 - **Distribution:** Distribution, sale, solicitation, or purchase of cannabis while on school district property.
22. **Non-compliance:** Disregarding, showing contempt for, intentionally deceiving, or refusing to obey lawful authority/instruction of district staff, including failure to identify self to district staff.
23. **Property Damage/Vandalism:** Intentional damage of school property or the property of others.
24. **Sexual Harassment:** Conduct or communication intended to be sexual in nature, is unwelcome by the targeted person(s) and has the potential to deny or limit another student's ability to participate in or benefit from a school's education program. Sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to making unwelcome, offensive, or inappropriate sexually suggestive remarks, comments, gestures, or jokes or remarks of a sexual nature about a person's appearance, gender, or conduct; using derogatory sexual terms for a person; standing too close, inappropriate touching, cornering, or stalking a person; sexting; or displaying offensive or inappropriate sexual illustrations.
25. **Sexually Inappropriate Conduct:** Engaging in inappropriate sexual behavior, displaying and/or exhibiting indecent, lewd, profane, or obscene sexual behavior or images, including pornography.
26. **Technology Violation:** Unauthorized, illegal, or inappropriate use of the District's Internet telecommunication network system, electronic devices, personal student devices, including tampering with electronic hardware, data files, or software or unauthorized access to, or use of such technology. Students are prohibited from video recording on campus. Specific exceptions can be made by school administration on a case-by-case basis.
27. **Theft/Possession of Stolen Property:** Taking or possessing the property of another without permission.
28. **Threat of Violence:** Spoken, written or electronic statements or actions conveying the malicious intent of causing physical injury to another person or group of people (Note: if the behavior meets the definition of Discriminatory Harassment or Bullying, then the behavior should be categorized as such).
29. **Tobacco Products/Vapor Devices:** A student shall not carry or smoke any kind of pipe, cigar, cigarette, e-cigarette, vaporizer, or any other smoking equipment or material, nor shall students be in possession of or use tobacco or nicotine products at or near school or school-

sponsored events/activities, or while a passenger in district vehicles, or on school property. Near school property is defined as being within the line of sight from the school.

30. **Trespass/Occupying Unauthorized Area:** Being present on school property in an unauthorized location, being unlawfully on school property (to include breaking into a school) without permission of school authorities or refusing to leave the school property when directed to do so by school authorities.
31. ***Violence without Major Injury:** Any use of physical force (e.g., assault, sexual assault, robbery) that does not result in major injury.
32. ***Violence with Major Injury:** Any use of physical force (e.g., assault, sexual assault, robbery) that results in a major injury.
 - * *A major injury is when one or more students, school personnel, or other persons on school grounds require professional medical attention. Examples of major injuries include stab or bullet wounds, concussions, fractured or broken bones, or cuts requiring stitches.*
33. **Weapons and Other Dangerous Devices:** Students will not possess, display, handle, or transmit weapons, other dangerous devices, or any item which reasonably appears to be such on school property, school-provided transportation, or at school-sponsored events. Any exception to the above will require explicit permission.

An appropriate school authority will promptly notify the student's parents or guardians and the appropriate law enforcement agency of known or suspected violations of this policy. Students who violate this policy will be subject to corrective action. Students who have possessed a firearm on any school premises, school-provided transportation, or school-sponsored activities at any facility shall be expelled for not less than one year pursuant to RCW 28A.600.420. The superintendent may modify the one-year expulsion for a firearm on a case-by-case basis.

The district may also suspend or expel a student for up to one year if the student acts with malice (as defined under RCW 9A.04.110) and displays a device that appears to be a firearm.

Carrying a dangerous weapon onto school premises, school-provided transportation, or areas of other facilities being used exclusively for school activities in violation of RCW 9.41.280 is a criminal offense. The term "dangerous weapons" under state law includes:

- Any firearm;
- Any device commonly known as "nun-chu-ka sticks," consisting of two or more length of wood, metal, plastic, or similar substance connected with wire, rope, or other means;
- Any device, commonly known as "throwing stars," which are multi-pointed, metal objects designed to embed upon impact from any aspect;
- Any air gun, including any air pistol or air rifle, designed to propel a BB, pellet, or other projectile by the discharge of compressed air, carbon dioxide, or other gas;
- Any portable device manufactured to function as a weapon and which is commonly known as a stun gun, including a projectile stun gun which projects wired probes that are attached to the device that emit an electrical charge designed to administer to a person or an animal an electric shock, charge, or impulse;
- Any device, object, or instrument which is used or intended to be used as a weapon with the intent to injure a person by an electric shock, charge, or impulse;

- The following instruments:
 - Any dirk or dagger;
 - Any knife with a blade longer than three inches;
 - Any knife with a blade which is automatically released by a spring mechanism or other mechanical device;
 - Any knife having a blade which opens, or falls or is ejected into position by the force of gravity, or by outward, downward, or centrifugal thrust or movement; and
 - Any razor with an unguarded blade;
- Any slung shot, sandbag, or sandclub;
- Metal knuckles;
- A sling shot;
- Any metal pipe or bar used or intended to be used as a club;
- Any explosive;
- Any weapon containing poisonous or injurious gas;
- Any implement or instrument which has the capacity to inflict death and from the manner in which it is used, is likely to produce or may easily and readily produce death.

The District also considers the following weapons in violation of this policy:

- Any knife or razor not listed above, except for instruments authorized or provided for specific school activities;
- Any object other than those listed above which is used in a manner to intimidate, threaten, or injure another person and is capable of easily and readily producing such injury.
- Any personal protection spray devices (PPSD) not used other than in self-defense as defined by Washington state law (RCW 9.91.160). State law requires that students age fourteen to seventeen have parent permission to carry a personal protection spray device (PPSD) that must be registered with school administration officials. Persons over eighteen years of age and persons between fourteen and eighteen years of age with written parental or guardian permission may possess personal protection spray devices on school property. No one under eighteen years of age may deliver such devices, nor may anyone under eighteen years or older deliver a spray device to anyone under fourteen or to anyone between fourteen and eighteen who does not have parental permission. Students who unlawfully carry, discharge, or distribute a PPSD will be subject to disciplinary action.

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