



Central Islip Union Free School District

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5000	Student Policies	Local
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5300.10	Definitions - Code of Conduct	

For purposes of this code, the following definitions apply.

- “Disruptive student” [3214 (2-a)(b)] means an elementary or secondary student under the age of 21 who is substantially disruptive of the educational process or substantially interferes with the teacher’s authority over the classroom. A substantial disruption of the educational process or a substantial interference with a teacher’s authority occurs when a student demonstrates a persistent unwillingness to comply with the teacher’s instructions or repeatedly violates the teacher’s classroom behavior rules. Therefore, any child whose behavior and/or actions interfere with the safety, education or basic rights of other individuals, or compromises their own safety or academic well being through their own behaviors or actions will be considered a disruptive student.
- “Gender” means actual or perceived sex and shall include a person’s gender identity or expression.
- “Gender expression” is the manner in which a person represents or expresses gender to others, often through behavior, clothing, hairstyle, activities, voice or mannerisms.
- “Gender identity” is to one’s self-conception as being male or female, as distinguished from actual biological sex or sex assigned at birth.
- “Parent” means parent, guardian or person in parental relation to a student.
“School property” means in or within any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground, parking lot or land contained within the real property boundary line of a public elementary or secondary school, or in or on a school bus, as defined in Vehicle and Traffic Law §142.
- “School property” means in or within any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground, parking lot or land contained within the real property boundary line of a public elementary or secondary school, or in or on a school bus, as defined in Vehicle and Traffic Law §142.

- “School function” means any school-sponsored extra-curricular event or activity.
- “Sexual orientation” means actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality or bisexuality.
- “Violent student” means a student under the age of 21 who:
 1. Commits an act of violence including assault upon a school employee, or attempts to do so.
 2. Commits, while on school property or at a school function, an act of violence including assault upon another student or any other person lawfully on school property or at a school function, or attempts to do so.
 3. Possesses, while on school property or at a school function, a weapon.
 4. Displays, while on school property or at a school function, what appears to be a weapon.
 5. Threatens, while on school property or at a school function, to use a weapon.
 6. Knowingly and intentionally damages or destroys the personal property of any school employee or any person lawfully on school property or at a school function.
 7. Knowingly and intentionally damages or destroys school district property.
- “Assault with Physical Injury” means intentionally or recklessly causing physical injury to another person, with or without a weapon. Pursuant to Penal Law §10.00(9), “physical injury means impairment of physical condition or substantial pain.” As a general rule, a physical injury is a minor injury, such as a scrape, minor cut, or minor bruising that does not involve a risk of death, disability, or disfigurement. Assaults involving injuries that are treated by the school nurse but do not require further medical attention should be included in this category.
- “Assault with Serious Physical Injury” means intentionally or recklessly causing serious physical injury to another person with or without a weapon. Pursuant to Penal Law §10.00(10), a “serious Physical injury” means physical injury which creates a substantial risk of death, or which causes serious and protracted disfigurement, protracted impairment of health, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ, i.e. disability.” As a general rule, a serious physical injury is one that requires hospitalization or treatment in an emergency room or clinic or treatment by a licensed health professional outside of the school setting and includes, but is not limited to, a bullet wound, a serious stab or puncture

wound, fractured or broken bones or teeth, concussions, cuts requiring stitches, and any other injury involving risk of death or disfigurement.

- "Weapon" means firearm as defined in 18 USC §921 for purposes of the Gun-Free Schools Act. It also means any other gun, BB gun, pistol, revolver, shotgun, rifle, machine gun, disguised gun, dagger, dirk, razor, stiletto, switchblade knife, gravity knife, brass knuckles, sling shot, metal knuckle knife, box cutters, cane sword, electronic dart gun, Kung Fu star, electronic stun gun, pepper spray or other noxious spray, explosive or incendiary bomb, or other device, instrument, material or substance that can cause physical injury or death when used to cause physical injury or death.
- "Illegal substances" include, but are not limited to, inhalants, marijuana, synthetic cannabinoids, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alike drugs, and any substances commonly referred to as "designer drugs."

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