

STUDENT CONDUCT

It is the intention of the Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education (the Board) that the district's schools help students achieve maximum development of individual knowledge, skills and competence and that they learn behavior patterns which will enable them to be responsible, contributing members of society.

The Board, in accordance with applicable law, has adopted a written student conduct and discipline code based upon the principle that every student is expected to follow accepted rules of conduct and to show respect for and to obey persons in authority. The code emphasizes that certain behavior, especially behavior that disrupts the classroom, is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action. The Board of Education additionally acknowledges the necessity of regular attendance, to foster strong academic outcomes, and expects this to occur for all students. The code shall be enforced uniformly, fairly, and consistently for all students.

In relation to student misconduct, as required by 22-33-109.1(2)(a)(II), the District will impose proportionate disciplinary interventions and consequences and provide opportunities for use of prevention, intervention, restorative justice, peer mediation, counseling or other approaches to address student misconduct.

The Superintendent (or his/her designee) is responsible for compiling and maintaining the list of District policies and procedures that make up the Student Conduct Code. The listing of these policies and procedures shall be available on the District website. The listing, with hyperlinks to the official electronic versions of the associated policies and procedures, shall be made available electronically to each student in elementary, middle, and high school and to every new student in the District. A hard copy of the Code listing and/or any individual document of the Code shall be provided by the school to any parent/legal guardian upon request. Parents/guardians, students, and staff shall be notified in a timely manner of any significant changes to policies or procedures that compromise the Code via school newsletters or other appropriate means.

The Board shall consult with parents/guardians, students, teachers, administrators and other community members in the development and review of the conduct and discipline code.

The conduct and discipline code shall be provided to each student upon enrollment in elementary, middle and high school. The Student Conduct Code shall be part of each school's Student and/or Family Handbook and must be shared annually with parents/guardians no later than 20 school days after the start of the school year. The district shall take reasonable measures to ensure each student is familiar with the code. Copies shall be posted or kept on file in each school of the district. In addition, any significant change in the code shall be provided to students and posted in each school.

In all instances, students shall be expected to conduct themselves in keeping with their level of maturity, acting with due regard for the supervisory authority vested by the Board in all district employees, the educational purpose underlying all school activities, the widely shared use of district property, and the rights and welfare of other students and staff. All employees of the district shall be expected to share the responsibility for supervising the behavior of students and for seeing that they abide by the conduct and discipline code.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-33-101-110

C.R.S. 22-11-302 (1)(f) (district accountability committee shall provide input to the board regarding the creation and enforcement of the conduct and discipline code)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2) (policy required as part of safe schools plan)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a) (school district shall take reasonable measures to ensure students are familiar with the conduct and discipline code)
C.R.S. 22-33-106 (1)(a-g) (grounds for suspension, expulsion and denial of admission)

CROSS REFS.: JH Student Absences and Excuses

JIC Student Conduct and Discipline
JICDA Code of Conduct
JK Student Discipline