

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education holds a positive learning environment as a high priority for all students and staff. The Board believes that it is the responsibility of the adults in students' lives to help students assume positive and appropriate conduct. Students in Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District) are expected to uphold themselves in a positive light. Students shall act in a manner that maximizes the substantial benefits of public education and will refrain from interfering with learning and teaching. Students shall respect others, including their personal rights and their property. Students will act in a way that causes no harm to themselves or others including behaviors that could potentially result in such harm. Students are expected to uphold age appropriate lawful and moral behaviors as students of District 11. They will develop and use problem-solving skills to resolve conflicts while accepting responsibility for their own behavior supporting their own growth and development.

Students in third grade and higher grade levels

In accordance with applicable law and Board policy concerning student suspensions, expulsions, and other disciplinary interventions, the principal or designee may suspend or recommend expulsion of a student in third grade and higher grade levels who engages in one or more of the following activities while in school buildings, on district property, when being transported in vehicles dispatched by the district or one of its schools, during a school-sponsored or district-sponsored activity or event, and off district property when the conduct has a nexus to school or any district curricular or non-curricular event:

1. Causing or attempting to cause damage to district property or stealing or attempting to steal district property.
2. Causing or attempting to cause damage to private property or stealing or attempting to steal private property.
3. Willful destruction or defacing of district property.
4. Commission of any act which if committed by an adult would be robbery or assault as defined by state law.
5. Committing extortion, coercion or blackmail, i.e., obtaining money or other objects of value from an unwilling person or forcing an individual to act through the use of force or threat of force.
6. Engaging in verbal abuse, i.e., name calling, ethnic or racial slurs, either orally or in writing or derogatory statements addressed publicly to an individual or a group that precipitate disruption of the district or school program or incite violence.
7. Engaging in "hazing" activities, i.e., forcing prolonged physical activity, forcing excessive consumption of any substance, forcing prolonged deprivation of sleep, food, or drink, or any other behavior which recklessly endangers the health or safety of an individual for purposes of initiation into any student group.
8. Violation of the Board's policy on bullying prevention and education.
9. Violation of criminal law which has an effect on the district or on the general safety or welfare of students or staff.
10. Violation of any Board policy or regulations, or established school rules.

11. Violation of the Board's policy on weapons in the schools. Expulsion shall be mandatory for bringing or possessing a firearm, in accordance with federal law.
12. Violation of the Board's policy on student conduct involving drugs and alcohol.
13. Violation of the Board's violent and aggressive behavior policy.
14. Violation of the Board's tobacco-free schools policy.
15. Violation of the Board's policies prohibiting sexual or other harassment.
16. Violation of the Board's policy on nondiscrimination.
17. Violation of the Board's dress code policy.
18. Violation of the Board's policy on gangs and gang-like activity.
19. Throwing objects, unless part of a supervised school activity, that can or do cause bodily injury or damage to property.
20. Directing profanity, vulgar language or obscene gestures toward other students, school personnel or others.
21. Lying or giving false information, either verbally or in writing, to a district employee.
22. Engaging in scholastic dishonesty, which includes but is not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, or unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work.
23. Making a false accusation of criminal activity against a district employee to law enforcement or to the district.
24. Behavior on or off school property that is detrimental to the welfare or safety of other students or school personnel, including behavior that creates a threat of physical harm to the student exhibiting the behavior or to one or more other students.
25. Repeated interference with the district's ability to provide educational opportunities to other students.
26. Continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of proper authority including deliberate refusal to obey a member of the district staff.

Students in preschool through second grade

In accordance with applicable law and Board policy concerning student suspensions, expulsions, and other disciplinary interventions, the principal or designee may suspend or recommend expulsion of a student in preschool, kindergarten, first grade, or second grade who engages in one or more of the following activities while on district property, in a school building, in a district or school vehicle, at a district or school activity or event, or off district property when the conduct has a nexus to school or any district curricular or non-curricular event:

1. Violation of the Board's policy on weapons in the schools. Expulsion shall be mandatory for bringing or possessing a firearm, in accordance with federal law.
2. Violation of the Board's policy on student conduct involving drugs and alcohol.
3. Conduct that endangers the health or safety of others.

Student conduct expulsion practices

Any student, preschool through twelfth grade, recommended for expulsion may only be expelled for behaviors as outlined in C.R.S. 22-33-105 and C.R.S. 22-33-106 and District 11's JKD/JKE Policy.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 18-3-202 *et seq.* (offenses against person)
C.R.S. 18-4-301 *et seq.* (offenses against property)
C.R.S. 18-9-124 (2)(a) (prohibition of hazing)
C.R.S. 22-12-105 (3) (authority to suspend or expel for false accusations)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(l) (policy required as part of safe schools plan)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(l)(A) (duty to adopt policies on student conduct, safety and welfare)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (9) (immunity provisions in safe schools law)
C.R.S. 22-33-106 (1)(a-g) (grounds for suspension, expulsion, denial of admission)
C.R.S. 22-33-106.1 (suspension and expulsion for students in preschool through second grade)

CROSS REFS.: AC, Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity
ADC–JICG, Tobacco Free Schools
ADD, Safe and Secure Schools
ECAC Vandalism
EEAEC, Student Conduct on School Buses
GBGB, Staff Personal Security and Safety
JBB, Sexual and Racial Harassment/Discrimination towards Students
JH Student Absences and Excuses
JIC Student Conduct and Discipline
JICA, Student Dress Code
JICDE*, Bullying Prevention and Education
JICF, Secret Societies/Gang Activity
JICH Drug and Alcohol Use by Students
JICI Weapons in School
JK Student Discipline
JKD/JKE, Student Suspension/Expulsion/Denial of Admission