

## Code of Conduct- Spotlight on Battery, Fighting, Sexual Battery, Threats, Unapproved Items, & Vapes (Grades 6-12)

### Battery & Fighting

<p><b>What is It?</b> Both battery and fighting are the use of physical aggression- biting, hitting, kicking, etc. The main difference between the two is that fighting is when two or more people choose to participate. Note: Self-defense is determined by words and actions- both should show a desire to avoid confrontation.</p>	<p><b>What affects the consequence?</b> 1) if there are injuries and 2) if there are previous instances of battery or fighting (this applies to grades 6-8, 8-9, and 9-12)</p>	<p><b>What are the consequences?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● First time AND no injuries= a suspension and MTSS referral for intervention</li> <li>● Second + time OR *injuries= a 10 day suspension &amp; hearing referral</li> </ul> <p>*Mandatory report to law enforcement</p>
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### Sexual Battery

<p><b>What is it?</b> Touching another person's private body parts without their consent. This includes human contact or the use of objects.</p>	<p><b>What affects the consequences?</b> *All acts of sexual battery (touching, fondling, rape, child molestation, etc) will receive consequences.</p>
<p><b>What are the consequences?</b> Students will be suspended for 10 days and be referred to a hearing. *Mandatory report to law enforcement</p>	

### Threats

<p><b>What is it?</b> A physical, verbal, or electronic threat that creates or conveys a fear of harm.</p>	<p><b>What affects the consequences?</b> 1) who is threatened (individual vs school) 2) if the threat involves harm vs death 3) if the threat involves a weapon</p>
<p><b>What are the consequences?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Individual threat of harm= ISS OR OSS</li> <li>● *Individual threat of weapon/of death= OSS</li> <li>● *School wide threat= a 10 day suspension &amp; hearing referral</li> </ul> <p>*Mandatory report to law enforcement</p>	

### Vapes

<p><b>What is it?</b> Having, using, or distributing any electronic smoking device.</p>	<p><b>What affects the consequences?</b> 1) having vs using vs distributing 2) nicotine vs THC</p>
<p><b>What are the consequences?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Having/using nicotine vape= ISS OR OSS</li> <li>● 3 offenses of having/using OR any offense of distributing nicotine vape= a 10 day suspension &amp; hearing referral</li> <li>● Unintentional possession of THC vape= OSS</li> <li>● 3rd unintentional OR having/using/ distributing THC vape= a 10 day suspension &amp; hearing referral</li> </ul> <p>*Mandatory report to law enforcement</p>	

### Possession of Unapproved Items

<p><b>What is it?</b> Having or using items that disrupt the school environment.</p> <p>Note: Unapproved items may be confiscated &amp; not returned.</p>	<p><b>What affects the consequences?</b> 1) having vs using 2) unauthorized vs dangerous 3) 3+ offenses a year</p>
<p><b>What are the consequences?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Possession of unauthorized= Warning OR ISS</li> <li>● Use of unauthorized= ISS OR OSS</li> <li>● Possession/use of dangerous= OSS</li> <li>● *Pepper spray use (w/injuries) &amp; possession/use of THC items = a 10 day suspension &amp; hearing referral</li> </ul> <p>*Mandatory report to law enforcement</p>	

Note: Consequences for offenses are based on the level and frequency of the offense.  
For more information on these and other offenses in the BCS Code of Conduct, please review the [BCS Recommended Consequences for Code of Conduct Violations - Grades 6-12 - 2024-2025](#)