

GENERAL BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with the vision, goals, and beliefs of the Maricopa Unified School District. Accordingly, students are prohibited from engaging in behavior (1) that obstructs, disrupts, or interferes with any educational, administrative, disciplinary, or other activity sponsored or approved by MUSD, (2) that endangers or threatens the safety of any person, or (3) that inflicts or threatens to inflict damage on property of MUSD, District employees, students, or others. In addition, students who have committed or are believed to have committed a crime may be subject to school discipline. A.R.S.15-843(B)(4). Students who fail to abide by this general behavioral expectation will be subject to appropriate discipline, regardless of whether the conduct violates any specific provision of prohibited behavior, and may be cause for revocation of open enrollment admission status.

The Code of Conduct is based upon progressive student discipline as described in Governing Board Policy 5-305: "Depending upon the nature of the violation, student discipline may be progressive, i.e., generally, a student's first violation should merit a lighter penalty than subsequent violations."

In addition to any specifically enumerated consequences, any violation of the General Behavioral Expectation listed above or of any Specifically Prohibited Behaviors beginning on the next page may result in the following consequences:

- The student may be isolated from other students and prohibited items will be confiscated.
- A conference will be held with parents to inform them of the inappropriate behavior and to remind them of school policy and disciplinary procedures.
- The student may be required to make use of counseling/intervention services.
- The student will make restitution for damages, if appropriate.
- The student may be assigned detention, work detail, a behavior contract and/or in-school suspension.
- The student may receive a short-term suspension (up to 10 days) from school premises and activities.
- For repeated or serious violations, the student may be removed from the regular school program or recommended for long term suspension or expulsion.
- Administration may involve police. Legal action may be taken.

Consistent with the general behavioral expectation, the following specified behaviors are prohibited on school property (including school buses and bus stops), in the vicinity of the school, at school-sponsored activities, and on the way to and from school unless otherwise required by the Student Handbook or Board Policy. Disciplinary decisions