

Turlock Unified School District

Behavior Learning Matrix

The Behavior Learning Matrix outlines and defines the 48900/48915 California Education Code Violations. TUSD holds that some pupils lack the essential behavioral skills necessary to succeed in school and the District utilizes other means of correction whenever possible in lieu of suspension to teach, support, and re-teach expected behavior. TUSD believes that by teaching, supporting, and re-teaching expected behavior in a safe and supportive learning environment, **all** TUSD students **will** have the social, emotional, and behavioral **skill** set to achieve at grade level or higher and be college and/or career ready upon graduation.

EDC § 48900.5 (b) Other means of correction include, but are not limited to the following: Parent Notification/Conference, Counseling, Student Study Team, Campus Betterment or Beautification, Behavior Partnerships, Restorative Conversation, Restorative, Action Plan, PBIS Tiered Interventions, SEL Skills, Anger Management, Conflict Resolution, Check In/Out, Community Service, Reflection Sheet, No Contact Contract, Restorative Circles, School Attendance Review Teams, Child Support Clinicians, Parent Engagement, Behavior Academies, Incentives, Mentoring, etc.

EDC § 48900.5 Suspension **shall** be imposed only when other means of correction fail to bring about proper conduct, student is given due process, and parent/guardian is notified of violation. A student, including an individual with exceptional needs, may be suspended, for any of the reasons enumerated in Section 48900 upon a first offense, if the principal determines that the pupil's presence causes a danger to persons.

Education Code Violations § 48900(a) - 48900.7

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Physical Injury Mutual Combat	Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person. EDC § 48900(a)(1)	A student, including an individual with exceptional needs, may be suspended upon a first offense, if the principal determines that the pupil violated subdivision (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) of Section 48900.
Force/Violence Unilateral Assault	Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense. EDC § 48900(a)(2) *Causing serious physical injury shall result in a charge of 48915(a)(1)(A)	
Dangerous Objects	Possession, sold, or furnished a firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object. EDC § 48900(b) *Possession of a Knife or dangerous object having a locking blade that is 3.5 inches or longer shall result in a charge of 48915(a)(1)(B)	
Under the Influence Controlled Substance	Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of, a controlled substance, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind. EDC § 48900(c) *Sale of a controlled substance shall result in a charge of 48915(c)(3)	
Controlled Substance	Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell a controlled substance, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind, and either sold, delivered, or otherwise furnished to a person another liquid, substance, or material and represented the liquid, substance, or material as a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant. EDC § 48900(d)	
Robbery/Extortion	Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion. EDC § 48900(e) *Robbery or extortion shall result in a charge of 48915(a)(1)(D)	
Damage to Property	Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property. EDC § 48900(f)	
Property Theft	Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property. EDC § 48900(g)	
Tobacco	Possessed or used tobacco, or products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets, and betel. EDC § 48900(h)	
Profanity/Obscene Act	Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity. EDC § 48900(i)	
Drug Paraphernalia	Unlawfully possessed or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell drug paraphernalia. EDC § 48900(j)	
Stolen Property	Knowingly received stolen school property or private property. EDC § 48900(l)	
Imitation Firearm	Possessed an imitation firearm. As used in this section, "imitation firearm" means a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm. EDC § 48900(m)	
Sexual Assault/Battery	Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Section 261, 266c, 286, 287, 288, or 289 of, or former Section 288a of, the Penal Code or committed a sexual battery as defined in 243.4. EDC § 48900(n) *Sexual Assault shall result in a charge of 48915(c)(4)	
Witness Tampering	Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a witness or a witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for purposes of either preventing that pupil from being a witness or retaliating against that pupil for being a witness, or both. EDC § 48900(o)	
Soma	Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma. EDC § 48900(p) *Sale of a controlled substance shall result in a charge of 48915(c)(3)	
Hazing	Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing. EDC § 48900(q)	
Bullying	Engaged in an act of bullying, including but not limited to electronic act, directed toward a pupil or school personnel. EDC § 48900(r)	
Aids or Abets	A pupil who aids or abets the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person. EDC § 48900(t)	
Sexual Harassment	Committed Sexual Harassment (Grades 4-12 Only) EDC § 48900(.2) *May Result in Title IX Emergency Removal and/or Alternative Placement	
Hate Violence	Caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in any act of, hate violence as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 233. (Grades 4-12 Only) EDC § 48900(.3)	
Harassment/Threats	Engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation, directed against school District personnel or pupils. (Grades 4-12 Only) EDC § 48900(.4)	
Terroristic Threats	Terroristic threats against school officials, school property, or both. EDC § 48900(.7)	

Education Code Violations § 48915(a)

EDC § 48915(a) violations **require** a five (5) day out of school suspension and possible recommendation for expulsion. Violations **must** have occurred at school and/or at a school activity. Administration **shall** notify Law Enforcement and Student Services of the violation within 24 hours. If the pupil is SPED/504 then a Manifestation Determination meeting **shall** be held within ten (10) days of the suspension.

Serious Physical Injury	Causing serious physical injury to another person except in self-defense. EDC § 48915(a)(1)(A)
Knife/Dangerous Object	Possession of a knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil. (Shall have a locking blade that is 3.5 inches or longer.) EDC § 48915(a)(1)(B)
Controlled Substance	Unlawful possession of any controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, except for either of the following: (i) The first offense for the possession of not more than one avoirdupois ounce of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis. (ii) The possession of over-the-counter medication for use by the pupil for medical purposes or medication prescribed for the pupil by a physician. EDC § 48915(a)(1)(C)
Robbery/Extortion	Robbery or Extortion. EDC § 48915(a)(1)(D)
Assault/Battery on School Employee	Assault or battery, as defined in Sections 240 and 242 of the Penal Code, upon any school employee. EDC § 48915(a)(1)(E)

Expulsion Education Code Violations § 448915(c)

EDC § 48915(c) violations **require** a five (5) day out of school suspension with a recommendation for expulsion. Violations **must** have occurred at school and/or at a school activity. Administration **shall** notify Law Enforcement and Student Services of the violation within 24 hours. If the pupil is SPED/504 then a Manifestation Determination meeting **shall** be held within ten (10) days of the suspension.

EDC § 48915(c)(1)	Possessing, selling, or otherwise furnishing a firearm. (Must be verified/witnessed/observed by District Employee.)
EDC § 48915(c)(2)	Brandishing a knife at another person.
EDC § 48915(c)(3)	Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code.
EDC § 48915(c)(4)	Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in subdivision (n) of Section 48900 or committing a sexual battery as defined in subdivision (n) of Section 48900.
EDC § 48915(c)(5)	Possession of an explosive. (M80 or higher grade explosive)