

Code of Conduct

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 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 reasonable connection to school or any district curricular or non-curricular event.

1. Causing or attempting to cause damage to school 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 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 E-cigarette, vaping, and 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.

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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)(I)(A) (duty to adopt policies on student conduct, safety and welfare)

C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(I) (policy required as part of safe schools' plan)

C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (9) (immunity provisions in safe schools law) C.R.S. 22-33-106 (1)(a-ge) (grounds for suspension, expulsion, denial of admission)

CROSS REFS.: AC, Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity

ADC, Tobacco-Free Schools

ADD, Safe Schools

ECAC, Vandalism

GBGB, Staff Personal Security and Safety

JBB*, Sexual Harassment

JIC, Student Conduct

JICA, Student Dress Code

JICC, Student Conduct on School Buses

JICDD*, Violent and Aggressive Behavior	JICDE*,
Violent and Aggressive Behavior	JICF, Secret Societies/Gang
Activity	
JICH, Drug and Alcohol Involvement by Students	
JICI, Weapons in School	
JK, Student Discipline	
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Student	

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Pueblo County School District 70 does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, marital status, national origin, religion, age, disability, need for special education services, genetic information, pregnancy or childbirth status, or other status protected by law in admission or access to, or treatment, or employment in its education programs or activities. Additionally, a lack of English language skills is not a barrier to admission or participation in activities. Inquiries about ADA, Section 504, Title VI, and Title IX may be addressed to the Superintendent of Schools, 301 28th Lane, Pueblo, Colorado 81001. 719-295-6548 or krein@district70.org

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