TCA SECONDARY STUDENT MANDATORY TRAINING

POLICY JICDA-TCA STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

STRIVING TO BE OUR BEST AND DO OUR BEST

(AND NOT BE SUSPENDED)

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TCA takes A Titan's Creed seriously.

This presentation is an overview of TCA's expectations of student behavior and an explanation of the consequences.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Suspensions or expulsions are difficult for students, families, and schools. It is our hope that discussing these difficult topics in advance will help students in their decision-making processes.

KNOW THE STANDARDS

Most disciplinary offenses lead to relatively minor actions such as office referral, counseling, or detention. However, serious, or repeated offenses may lead to suspension or expulsion.

A suspension is when a student is removed from school for a day or multiple days. An expulsion is when a student is removed from school for extended period of time – up to a year.

WHAT STUDENT BEHAVIORS RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION?

- Willful damage to school property or stealing school property
- Willful damage to personal property or stealing personal property
- Robbery or assault
- Extortion, coercion, or blackmail
- Public verbal abuse that disrupts the school program or incites violence

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WHAT STUDENT BEHAVIORS RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION?

- Engagement in “hazing” activities
- Bullying
- Violation of D20 or TCA building policies
- Possessing, bringing, using, or threatening to use a dangerous weapon (including knives) as defined in statute and policy
- Violation of D20’s substance abuse policy (alcohol and drugs)

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WHAT STUDENT BEHAVIORS RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION?

- Violation of TCA's tobacco-free school policy
- Discrimination/harassment
- Sexual harassment
- Dress code violations
- Violation of TCA's Digital Health Policy
- Throwing objects that can cause bodily injury or damage property

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WHAT STUDENT BEHAVIORS RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION?

- Directing profanity, vulgar language, or obscene gestures toward another person
- Lying or giving false information to a school employee
- Scholastic dishonesty, including cheating and plagiarism

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WHAT STUDENT BEHAVIORS RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION?

- Making a false accusation of criminal activity against a school employee to law enforcement or the district
- Repeated interference with the school's ability to provide educational opportunities
- Continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of authority

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WHAT STUDENT BEHAVIORS RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION?

- Behavior on or off campus that is detrimental to the safety and welfare of the TCA community
- Violent or aggressive behavior

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HOW DO THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE DIGITAL HEALTH POLICY WORK?

Policies JICJ-TCA-B & JICJ-TCA-R

Students shall not access their phones from the start of classes until the student's day is over ("bell to bell").

- **1st offense:** Student phone is taken to the office; student retrieves at the end of the day.
- **2nd offense:** Student phone is taken to the office; parents retrieve at the end of the day.
- **3rd offense:** Defiance; one-day suspension.
- **4th offense:** Continued defiance; minimum of three-day suspension.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Vape pens are considered tobacco products and should not be brought to school.
- Having a vape pen, vape refills, or cigarettes on campus is an automatic suspension - including if such products are in your car in one of our parking lots.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Student possession of alcohol, drugs, marijuana, or marijuana products on campus or at a school activity is an automatic 5-10 days suspension.
- This includes but is not limited to any prescriptions, marijuana or medical marijuana products (regardless of CBD or THC levels), or items the student believes to be any such substance.

EXPULSIONS

An expulsion is when TCA may remove a student from school for up to one year.

A student may receive an expulsion for:

- Distribution of drugs or alcohol, including giving or selling;
- Possession of a dangerous weapon;
- Unlawful crime of violence or sexual behavior; or
- Repetitive habitually disruptive behavior.

OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS

TCA junior high students (grades 7-8) **are not permitted** to bring over-the-counter medications to school. A parent must give permission for over-the-counter medications to be given to junior high students through the nurse's office.

Over-the-counter medications include aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, and allergy medications that can be bought without a prescription.

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