

FONTANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Student Services

MATRIX FOR STUDENT SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION RECOMMENDATION

(State Law: Applicable to School Principals)

Category I* Student Offenses with No Principal Discretion (except as otherwise precluded by law)	Category II* Student Offenses with Limited Principal Discretion	Category III* Student Offenses with Broad Principal Discretion
Principal shall immediately suspend and recommend expulsion for the following acts committed <u>at school or at a school activity off campus</u>. [EC 48915(c)] 1. Possessing, selling, or furnishing a firearm. EC 48915(c)(1); 48900(b) 2. Brandishing a knife at another person. EC 48915(c)(2); 48900(a)(1) and 48900(b) 3. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance. EC 48915(c)(3); 48900(c) 4. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or committing a sexual battery [as defined in 48900(n)]. EC 48915(c)(4); 48900(n) 5. Possession of an explosive. EC 48915(c)(5); 48900(b)	Principal must recommend expulsion for the following acts committed <u>at school or at a school activity off campus</u> unless the principal determines that the expulsion should not be recommended under the circumstances or that an alternative means of correction would address the conduct. [EC 48915(a)(1)] 1. Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense. EC 48915(a)(1)(A); 48900(a)(1), maybe also 48900(a)(2) 2. Possession of any knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil. EC 48915(a)(1)(B); 48900(b) 3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance (except for the first offense of no more than an ounce of marijuana, and over-the-counter and prescribed medication). EC 48915(a)(1)(c); 48900(c) 4. Robbery or extortion. EC 48915(a)(1)(D); 48900(e) 5. Assault or battery upon any school employee. EC 48915(a)(1)(E); 48900(a)(1); and 48900(a)(2)	Principal may recommend expulsion for the following acts when <u>related to a school activity or school attendance</u> that occur at any time, including, but not limited to, while on school grounds; while going to or coming from school; during the lunch period; whether on or off the campus; or during, or while going to or coming from, a school-sponsored activity. [EC 48900(s), 48915(b) and (e)] 1. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person. (Unless, in the case of "caused," the injury is serious. [See Category II,1]) EC 48900(a)(1); 48915(b) 2. Possession/Under the influence of marijuana (1st offense <1 oz.) or controlled substance or alcohol or any intoxicant. EC 48900(c); 48915(b) 3. Sold, furnished, or offered a substitute substance represented as a controlled substance. EC 48900(d); 48915(b) 4. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school or private property. EC 48900(f); 48915(e) 5. Stole or attempted to steal school or private property. EC 48900(g); 48915(e) 6. Possessed or used tobacco. EC 48900(h); 48915(e) 7. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity. EC 48900(i); 48915(e) 8. Possessed, offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia. EC 48900(j); 48915(e) 9. Knowingly received stolen school or private property. EC 48900(l); 48915(e) 10. Possessed an imitation firearm. EC 48900(m); 48915(e) 11. Engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation against a pupil or group of pupils or school district personnel. EC 48900.4**; 48915(e) 12. Engaged in sexual harassment. EC 48900.2**; 48915(e) 13. Caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence. EC 48900.3**; 48915(e) 14. Made terrorist threats against school officials or school property, or both. EC 48900.7; 48915(e) 15. Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense. EC 48900(a)(2); 48915(b) 16. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness or witness in a disciplinary action. EC 48900(o); 48915(e) 17. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma. EC 48900(p); 48915(e) 18. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing. EC 48900(q); 48915(e) 19. Engaged in an act of bullying, including, but not limited to, bullying committed by means of electronic act directed specifically toward a pupil or school personnel. EC 48900(r); 48915(e) 20. Aided or abetted the infliction of physical injury to another person (suspension only). EC 48900(t); 48915(e) 21. Any behavior listed in Category I or II that is related to school activity or school attendance but that <u>did not occur on campus</u> or at a <u>school activity off campus</u>. EC 48915(b)

*For Categories II and III, the school must provide evidence of one or both of the following additional findings: (1) Other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct, (2) Due to the nature of the act, the student's presence causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the pupil or others.

Grades 4 through 12 inclusive. *See Discipline Responses/Discipline Guidelines (Under Downloadable Documents/Child Welfare and Attendance/Discipline/FUSD Discipline Guidelines)