



# Clayton County Public Schools UNIVERSAL DISCIPLINE MATRIX



**“BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW, TODAY!”**

**Goal:** To provide a clear, consistent, and equitable framework for addressing student behavior by categorizing code of conduct infractions into four levels—Low, Intermediate, Moderate, and High—thereby promoting a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment that fosters personal growth, accountability, and academic success for all students.

## LEVEL I: LOW-LEVEL MISCONDUCT

Low-level behavioral infractions that may disrupt the educational process or classroom environment, but can be addressed through in-class corrective strategies without the need for administrative intervention. Repeated infractions and/or acts that cause harm or threaten the safety of others will result in progressively more serious consequences up to Level II.

- 1a ACADEMIC DISHONESTY
- 3a ATTENDANCE: Tardies/Class Cuts
- 5a BULLYING / CYBERBULLYING: 1st Offense
- 6a BUS OFFENSES
- 8a DISORDERLY CONDUCT: Minor Localized Disruption
- 10a FIGHTING: Horseplay or Wrestling.
- 12a HARASSMENT OFFENSES: 1st Offense
- 16 OTHER OFFENSES
- 17 PARTIES TO AN OFFENSE
- 20a SEX OFFENSES: Sexting
- 21 SOCIAL MEDIA OFFENSES
- 22a STUDENT INCIVILITY: Insubordination
- 22i STUDENT INCIVILITY: Personal Electronic Devices
- 25a TRESPASSING

**NOTE: STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:**

*Nothing in this Matrix/Rule shall be interpreted to infringe on any right provided to students by federal law, including Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, or the Americans with Disabilities Act. When discipline is proposed to be administered to a student who has been identified as a student with disabilities or who is receiving special education services from the District, the District will follow all applicable state and federal authority.*

**\*Start with Restorative Response\***

### ELEMENTARY

### SECONDARY

**RESTORATIVE  
RESPONSE**

**P-ATS PROGRAM**

**STUDENT SUPPORT  
SERVICES  
REFERRAL**

**≤2 DAYS ISS/OSS**

**RESTORATIVE  
RESPONSE**

**P-ATS PROGRAM**

**TEMPORARY  
ALTERNATIVE  
SETTING  
<2 HOURS**

**≤3 DAYS ISS/OSS**

## LEVEL II: INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL MISCONDUCT

Intermediate-level misconducts are more disruptive and include repeated behaviors that negatively impact the learning environment or school operations. These violations require administrative involvement but do not yet rise to the level of moderate or high-level threats. Acts that cause harm or threaten the safety of others will result in progressively more serious consequences up to Level III.

- 2a ALCOHOL: Possession, Use, Buy, Sell, Distribute
- 3b ATTENDANCE: Leaving School
- 4a BATTERY: Battery of Student / Other w/No Injury
- 5b BULLYING / CYBERBULLYING: 2nd
- 7a COMPUTER TRESPASS
- 8b DISORDERLY CONDUCT: Major School Disruption
- 9a DRUG OFFENSE: Possession of Marijuana 1 oz. or less
- 9b DRUG OFFENSE: Possession of marijuana-Greater than 1 oz.
- 9c DRUG OFFENSE: Possession of Other drugs, substances, or inhalants.
- 9d DRUG OFFENSE: Under the influence of Drugs.
- 9e POSSESSION OF OTC OR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
- 10b FIGHTING: Fighting - No injury
- 12b HARASSMENT OFFENSES: 2nd Offense
- 13a LARCENY/THEFT: Private Property - less than \$100.
- 22b-h STUDENT INCIVILITY
- 23a THREAT / INTIMIDATION: Threatening Student /Other (Non school employee)
- 24a TOBACCO OFFENSES
- 26a VANDALISM: Private Property
- 27a VAPING and JUULING

**\*Include Restorative Response\***

### ELEMENTARY

### SECONDARY

**RESTORATIVE  
RESPONSE**

**P-ATS PROGRAM**

**STUDENT SUPPORT  
SERVICES REFERRAL**

**≤5 DAYS ISS/OSS**

**RESTORATIVE  
RESPONSE**

**P-ATS PROGRAM**

**TEMPORARY  
ALTERNATIVE  
SETTING  
<2 HOURS**

**≤8 DAYS ISS/OSS**



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## LEVEL III: MODERATE-LEVEL MISCONDUCT

Moderate-level misconducts are significant violations of the Student Code of Conduct that disrupt the safety, order, or integrity of the school environment. These behaviors may cause harm or threaten the safety of others. They typically warrant administrative intervention and may result in a request for a student tribunal hearing, particularly when prior interventions have been unsuccessful. Repeated infractions will lead to an increase in the level of consequences up to permanent expulsion.

- 4b BATTERY: Battery of Student / Other w/ Moderate Injury
- 5c BULLYING / CYBERBULLYING: 3rd Offense -mandatory tribunal
- 9f DRUG OFFENSE: Possession or Distribution of Drug-Related Paraphernalia
- 10c FIGHTING: Fighting-Moderate Injury
- 11a GANG OFFENSE: Communicating Gang Affiliation.
- 12c HARASSMENT OFFENSES: 3rd Offense
- 13b LARCENY/THEFT: Private Property - more than \$100.
- 13c LARCENY/THEFT: School Property - less than \$100
- 20b SEX OFFENSES: Sexual Misconduct
- 20c SEX OFFENSES: Consensual Sexual Conduct
- 20d SEX OFFENSES: Indecent Exposure
- 20e SEX OFFENSES: Sexual Misconduct -Verbal, written, visual or physical conduct of a sexual nature, including sexual harassment-Title IX.
- 22j STUDENT INCIVILITY: Possession, display, or distribution of profane, pornographic, or ethnically offensive material(s) is prohibited.
- 23b THREAT / INTIMIDATION: Threatening School Personnel
- 26b VANDALISM: School Property
- 30 a WEAPONS: Knife
- 31a WEAPONS - OTHER: Possession and/or use of a facsimile gun or look-a-like gun
- 31b WEAPONS: OTHER: Possession and/or use of chains, pipes, toy guns, needles, syringes etc.
- 31c WEAPONS: OTHER: Possession and/or use of tear gas, BB guns, pellet guns, explosives, fireworks etc.
- 31d WEAPONS – OTHER: Possession of a Hazardous object
- 31e WEAPONS – OTHER: Possession of a non-felony weapon or look-a-like weapon:

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**ELEMENTARY**

**SECONDARY**

**RESTORATIVE  
RESPONSE**

**P-ATS PROGRAM**

**≤10 DAYS ISS/OSS**

**10 DAYS OSS +  
TRIBUNAL HEARING**

**RESTORATIVE  
RESPONSE**

**P-ATS PROGRAM**

**≤10 DAYS ISS/OSS**

**10 DAYS OSS +  
TRIBUNAL HEARING**

## LEVEL IV: HIGH- LEVEL MISCONDUCT

High-level misconducts are the most severe violations of the Student Code of Conduct. These behaviors pose a significant threat to the safety, well-being, and/or educational environment. Such infractions typically result in immediate removal from the school setting and a request for a student tribunal hearing. Consequences may include long-term suspension, assignment to Alternative School, or permanent expulsion.

- 4c BATTERY: Battery of Student / Other w/ Severe Injury
- 9g DRUG OFFENSE: Possession/Buy / Sell / or Distribute
- 10d FIGHTING: Fighting-Severe Injury
- 10e FIGHTING: Group Fight
- 11b GANG OFFENSE: Soliciting / Encouraging Others for Gang membership.
- 13d LARCENY/THEFT: School Property - more than \$100
- 13e LARCENY/THEFT: Possession of stolen property: Possession of private or school property on school grounds.
- 14a MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT: Motor Vehicle Theft. The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle (private or school property).
- 15a FELONY CONDUCT - OFF- CAMPUS BEHAVIOR
- 15b FELONY CONDUCT - ON - CAMPUS BEHAVIOR
- 18a ROBBERY: Robbery
- 18b ROBBERY: Robbery with the use of a weapon
- 19a SEXUAL BATTERY OR ASSAULT: Sexual Battery
- 19b SEXUAL BATTERY OR ASSAULT: Sexual Molestation/Sodomy
- 20f SEX OFFENSES: Creation/Distribution of Inappropriate Content
- 23c THREAT / INTIMIDATION: Terroristic Threat/Bomb Threat
- 28a VIOLENCE AGAINST A TEACHER: Intentional Physical Contact – Without Harm
- 28b VIOLENCE AGAINST A TEACHER: Intentional Physical Contact – With physical Harm
- 29a WEAPONS - FIREARM OR DANGEROUS WEAPON: Handgun
- 29b WEAPONS- FIREARM OR DANGEROUS WEAPON: Shot gun/Rifle
- 29c WEAPONS- FIREARM OR DANGEROUS WEAPON: Firearm
- 29d WEAPONS- FIREARM OR DANGEROUS WEAPON: Dangerous weapon.

**ELEMENTARY**

**SECONDARY**

**10 DAYS OSS +  
TRIBUNAL HEARING**

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TRIBUNAL HEARING**